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Sewer bills will jump in July

By MICHAEL DANIELS

When residents on the Bethel sewer system open their quarterly bills in July, they will almost certainly be looking at their second rate hike in less than a year.

The new rate has not yet been set -- a public hearing and formal vote by the Board of Selectmen must come first -- but on Monday the selectmen and Budget Committee approved an FY 2000 budget that will need some additional infusion of cash.

The rate increase to provide that cash is likely to be in the 16 percent range. It follows a 21 percent increase last October.

The total budget approved Monday is \$395,006. It is up less than \$9,000 from the current year's budget, but the funding plan calls for taking \$50,000 from fund balance -- which will leave only \$47,000 in that reserve.

And according to the town's auditor, that is far less money than the sewer system needs to have on hand to cover any unexpected contingencies.

The fund is down in large part because in recent years the selectmen -- again, on the advice of the auditor -- have drawn down the reserve in order to pay for capital improvements associated with the town's wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

"That might have been good advice," said Dutch Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, "but it still leaves us faced with a balancing act."

And that balancing act -- user rates against plant needs -- is itself largely the result of two factors that were not anticipated when the decision was made to go ahead with the upgrade: a total cost for the project that was much higher than had been projected and the failure of Bethel Station to generate the SSDC (sewer system development charge) revenues that were expected to fund much of the upgrade costs.

The project, Dresser said, "has been a long, hard struggle, but I hope that in the end we'll end up with a plant that will serve our

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Colorful survivor of an earlier era



This 70-year-old canvas curtain hangs in front of the stage in the Andover Town Hall. It was rolled down for the first time in many years for the annual Town Meeting last month. (Aloisio photo)

Andover curtain calls an encore of memories

By ALISON ALOISIO

"In 1928 the Grange got a drop curtain for the stage in the Hall. Teeny Baker, mother of Lizzie B. Richards, read that a curtain of this type could be secured by getting advertisements. This the Grange did, and soon it was hung in our hall. It is a treasured antique."

So said "Andover, the First 175 Years," in 1979. The canvas curtain in front of the stage at the Town Hall is still a treasure -- and 20 years more the antique. Hung from the ceiling, it has been kept rolled up for many years to protect it.

This year, however, it was unfurled and displayed for the annual Town Meeting, partly at the suggestion of Peggy Madigan, who takes care of the hall. "It would be nice to show it more," she said.

That has members of the Andover Historical Society wondering if the curtain can indeed be shown more -- but still kept safe and preserved.

Maxfield Parrish artwork

As the Andover history noted, the curtain was the result of the efforts of Lone Mountain Grange No. 131. It features a copy of a Maxfield Parrish painting in the center, surrounded by advertisements for many Andover-area businesses.

In the lower right corner of the curtain, the words "Anderson Scenic Co., Buffalo, N.Y." apparently indicate the company that produced the curtain.

Such curtains were fairly common in Maine Granges in the earlier part of the century, according to Stan Howe, president of the Bethel Historical Society and a Granger himself. Paris and Houlton are among other towns which have Grange-type curtains.

Randy Bennett, a historian at BHS, said the Andover curtain is "very special, well worth preserving as a cultural artifact and rural decorative art." Some of the curtains, he said, were strictly scenic with no advertising. He knows of others in New Hampshire that have survived the years, with advertisements around the outside edges.

In Andover, the curtain was the front for many a play put on in the Town Hall by both local and visiting actors. Eda Perkins, an Andover Historical Society member, remembers watching productions as a young girl in the 1920s and '30s. "There were Ethel May Shorey (from New York) plays," she said. "When I was a kid, I sat in the front row."

The Andover history book backs up her recollection. "Barrels were put in a row in front of the stage, with planks over them for we kids to sit upon," it reads.

Most advertisers gone

Perkins said that of the businesses advertised on the curtain, only Lakewood Camps at Middle Dam survives with the same business name.

I.E. Mills company continues today as Mills Market, operated by I.E. Mills' grandson, Roger. The store known as F. H. Newton is the current Dave's Store. Rumford Bank and Trust Co. became Maine National Bank and eventually Fleet Bank.

Gone are Barne's Mercantile, D.A. Glines and Milton House -- but they're not forgotten by Perkins.

Barne's, she remembers, was located in the Main Street building most recently occupied by a curiosity shop. "They sold penny candy, cloth, thread, and they made their own ice cream," said Perkins.

Glines sold meats and groceries out of a building located to the left of the Four Seasons building, also in the center of town. And Milton House, on Newton Street, was a hotel that also offered meals. All the businesses closed at least 40 years ago, she said.

As for the future of the curtain, Beverly Swan of the AHS said the group plans to gather more information about how to best preserve it.

Board says 'Pepsi please' OKs scoreboard with soda logo

By ALISON ALOISIO

Crescent Park Elementary School will have a new baseball scoreboard this season, thanks to the generosity of the Pepsi-Cola company and a favorable vote by the School Board. In return, the company gets its logo displayed on the board.

But, some school directors wondered Monday, will allowing such donations lead SAD44 down advertising roads it doesn't want to travel?

The scoreboard, roughly four-by-six-feet, is similar to others often seen at Little League fields, said principal David Murphy. And there are other signs of advertising already in the district -- the message board outside Telstar High School and the basketball scoreboard in the THS gym, for instance, carry the names of the business donors.

Woodstock director Marcel Polak, however, worried that accepting such gifts was a bad precedent.

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FIRE LEVELS ROWE HILL HOUSE—An early morning fire Sunday completely destroyed a Rowe Hill house belonging to Esther Brooks of Greenwood. There were no injuries. The house was unoccupied at the time but was being extensively renovated by Brooks' daughter, Carla, and her husband, Sam, who planned to move in next month, according to Greenwood Fire Chief Raymond W. Seames. New living-room and dining-room sets, kitchen cabinets and a freezer had recently been moved into the building, Seames said, and all were uninsured, as was the structure itself. The fire was discovered by a passing (and unidentified) smelter, who woke a neighbor to call in the fire at 3:58 a.m., Seames said. A Greenwood Fire Truck was at the scene in less than 10 minutes, the chief said, but by then "fire was coming from three sides of the building." Twenty-six firefighters from Greenwood, Woodstock and Bethel, along with another truck from Greenwood, four from Woodstock and a tanker from Bethel eventually battled the fire, but there was no chance of saving the structure or its contents, Seames said. No cause has yet been determined, he said, and given the extent of the destruction, the cause may never be known. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

Is Main St. slipping out of the mainstream? Views differ, but many agree some sort of boost is needed

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bring back Brown's Variety. Get rid of the sign ordinance. Give history tours. Renovate and use the upstairs of Odeon Hall.

Those are a few of the ideas for revitalizing Main Street suggested by Bethel businesspeople and citizens.

The coming and going of businesses on the street in recent years has fed an ongoing discussion about the business health of the street. The debate has intensified since the departure of Preb's.

Stan Howe, president of the Bethel Historical Society, describes upper most Main Street as downright "dark" after the sun goes down and the Northeast Bank closes. Lights in the police department office are the only sign of activity at the very top of the street, he said.

Ellen Whitney of Maine Line Products, located next to the Town Office, said the concentration of

businesses has shifted in recent years. "'Main Street' used to be from Brooks Brothers up. Now it's from Brooks Brothers down," she said. Despite the apparent shift, however, Maine Line is doing well, said Whitney.

At the other end of the street, business also remains solid for Cathi di Cocco, owner of Cafe Di-Cocoa. But when it comes to people traffic in general, "It's been pretty quiet. There's nothing to draw people here to hang out. In mid-winter there's no one going up Main Street on a Friday night. Things are on the outskirts," she said, such as the Farmer's Market on Railroad Street and the businesses that have sprung up on the Route 2 end of the Parkway.

Solutions

What can be done to draw more people -- both resident and non-resident -- back to Main Street?

A business forum held two weeks

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Letters

MAINE OVERTAXING TIMESHARES

To the Editor:

In the continuing debate on the rate at which timeshares shall be taxed in the state of Maine, one issue has barely been touched upon. That is the fact that Maine is the only state in the United States that taxes timeshares at the full selling price (including marketing costs and trading value to other resorts).

In recent years, Florida, Massachusetts and Rhode Island all, at one time or another, worked through the issue and found that it was not advantageous to the towns, to the state or to the population involved, to overtax an industry that had so much potential for bringing money into the state.

The average family that comes from another state to stay in a timeshare unit spends more than \$1,000 per week in the community in which they stay. No other industry has this type of potential for bringing income into a town. And a lot of people don't realize that over 95 percent of our owners live and work in Maine. These are not out-of-staters we are overtaking. They are our friends and neighbors.

The assessors also argue that if marketing costs are to be taken into account for timeshares then they must be taken into account for other real estate sales as well. Fine. Take off 8 percent for the sale of someone's home. Just be sure to take off the 55 to 65 percent plus that it costs us to sell a timeshare as well. Does anyone believe that if it costs the average homeowner \$55,000 to sell their \$100,000 home, they would stand for the assessor valuing that home at a full \$100,000?

There is always the allegation that if timeshares are not taxed at these inflated values the town will lose money. This is untrue. In fact, all of the timeshare units of which I am aware were either finished or planned when the taxes were at their original rates. To imply that other taxpayers will have to make up the difference is unfair and inaccurate.

And, finally, there is the argument of the number of timeshare owners in Newry who have not complained about their high taxes. Complained to whom? Because the assessor has not received a formal complaint does not signify either complacency or acceptance. In fact, the American Ski Company presented a letter before the Business and Economic Development Committee stating their general support of LD-1916 in particular because the Marriott Corporation felt that the provisions in the bill were important to the success of their timeshare project in the Jordan Bowl.

The timeshare concept can be confusing for people who are not involved or who don't own timeshare. But confusion should not be an excuse to destroy an enterprise by taxing it beyond its ability to compete with neighboring states.

Chad McGrew
Manager, The River View Resort, Bethel

STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF DOGS

To the Editor:

How many times do we pick up our newspaper or turn on the television to find stories of some poor cat or dog that is a product of abuse or neglect? Thanks to those people who are able to get these stories of these creatures told, people from near and far come forward to adopt them and give them good homes.

I would like to call attention to what is going on in my community day after day, week after week. We have an animal shelter in my community, that contracts to 13 towns. Any stray dog that is picked up in any of these towns is automatically taken by the A.C.O. to this shelter. The law states that a stray dog is to be held seven days and on the eighth day it can be euthanized. If the owner does not retrieve his dog, the chances are on the eighth day it has been euthanized. Any person giving up their dog to this shelter is giving permission to the owner that he can euthanize that very day if he so desires. The reason for the euthanization is not being done for over-population, believe me. The owner is not breaking the law. The owner does not have to let anyone in to adopt the dogs if he so chooses.

About a month ago a young lady did get in the shelter and saw a purebred collie. She said that she was interested in it but wanted to bring her fiancé back to see it. She was told she had until six o'clock that evening to make her decision. When she asked why only until 6 p.m., she was told several times that this was his day. She did take the dog out and contacted me. I, in turn, had him bathed and groomed and contacted Collie Rescue. They came from out of state and took him to be placed in a good home.

At the time the collie was at the shelter, there were three other dogs in there. All three had the Parvo disease. Two were humanely euthanized and the other was adopted out unbeknown to the person that adopted it. The new owner had another dog that had just recently been vaccinated. The new dog was carrying the Parvo and infected the other dog. After emergency hospital treatment and several hundred dollars this dog was saved.

The state was again called about this shelter. We were told that nothing could be done. We were also told the only way to change things is to get community support from the 13 towns that are contracted to the shelter. It would seem to me that if all the towns got together somehow they could stop the slaughter of these dogs. Cheaper is not always the answer.

This decision should not be left up to our town managers and selectmen alone, as nothing will change. As citizens of these towns, we can change the fate of these animals -- by voicing our opinion publicly in newspapers, on the radio or in writing to our town governments. We should not let another day go by without at least trying. Everyone might be surprised what can happen if enough of us take a stand to make a difference.

In closing, I would like to say I have been referring to a shelter, but in all honesty it is nothing but a pound.

Sue Parsons
Oxford
--MRD)

(The shelter in question is the Allen Hill Shelter.)

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LURC TERRITORY REP. WOULD SINK 'JET-SKI' BILL

To the Editor:

On Thursday, April 8, Marie Bartlett and Rosemary McLean from Greenwood and Nancy Willard and Peter Brown from Woodstock attended the public hearing of the Joint Standing Committee of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Approximately 75 people were there. The first two hours were taken up by discussion of bills pertaining to white-water rafting on the Penobscot and Kennebec.

When we finally got the "Jet Ski" bills, two that had been introduced brought forth a lot of discussion. L.D. 106, Rep Joe Clark (D-Millinocket), a member of the panel, would undo all the Great Ponds Task Force bill that pertains to "jet skis." A lot of people from the northern part of the state were there, as well as the head of the "Jet Ski" Association, in favor. Those with more reasonable minds spoke against it.

L.D. 1108, Rep. Matthew Dunlap (D-Old Town), called the Home Port Rule, would allow those who own property on a body of water that has banned "jet skis" to use them. This was not popular with those who want to ban them on small ponds or with those who wish to be able to trailer them to lakes or ponds to use them.

The consensus is that neither bill will fly. Marie and I finally got our chance to speak around 5:30 p.m. (we started at 1:30 p.m.). The points we wish to make clear are:

- 1) Our ponds are too small to mix the speed of the machines with traditional uses.
- 2) The high-pitched whine of the machine echoes off the mountains and ledges and is extremely annoying.
- 3) Many parents are afraid of their children swimming when the "jet skis" zoom near, adults also have felt threatened by "jet skis" while swimming, canoeing or kayaking, especially.
- 4) The issue of enforcement has been so much a part of this process. I offer the following analogy. During the winter, there are roughly 30 ice houses on Bryant Pond. If IF & W decided for some reason that they had to close Bryant Pond to ice fishing, they would place a notice in all the local papers, and post signs at public access places. Is anyone going to put an ice house out on Bryant Pond?
- 5) The overwhelming vote at the Greenwood meeting, coupled with the three-to-one vote at both special town meetings show how the majority of people in the towns of Woodstock and Greenwood feel about "jet skis" on our small ponds.

There will be a work session this week by the panel. Hopefully, our petition will be passed on to the Legislature for a vote.

Nancy Willard
Woodstock

BETHEL AREA CHAMBER AWARDS

To the Editor:

The evening of May 7 will be filled with celebration and recognition for those attending the 30th annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner at the Grand Summit Hotel and Conference Center -- celebration for the many wonderful accomplishments of the chamber this past year, including Angus, King of the Mountain and the "team" that made him possible and recognition of several community members who have gone "above and beyond" in their volunteer involvement and in their workplaces.

The Awards Selection Committee met and reviewed many wonderful nominations and is happy to announce their selections. Neil and Alberta Merrill of Bethel will be presented the coveted Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship. They are being recognized for their years of tireless dedication to the Bethel Recreation Board and the Maine Handicapped Skiing Program. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be bestowed on Donald Brooks of Bethel. Don has been co-owner of Brooks Bros. Hardware on Main Street, Bethel, until the sale to his niece and nephew, Jack Brooks and Jeri Brooks Greenwell, last year. He has been a well-respected business owner for more than four decades, offers his trombone talents to the Mahosuc Music Makers and has been a member of the Kora Temple Shriners for many years. The Business of the Year Award will be presented to the Sunday River Inn and its owners, Peggy and Steve Wight, for their excellence in business for more than two decades and for their amazing commitment to local, regional and state-wide organizations.

The chamber thinks it is important to recognize the wealth of talents that the employees of the region bring to their respective work environments. This year we have expanded these awards to six categories and are including a "Public Service Employee" category based on input from our membership. The chamber is pleased to recognize the following individuals as "Employees of the Year": Dana Whittemore from Rentals Unlimited in Hospitality; Kathy Jo Farren from Bethel Animal Hospital in Service and Retail; Jolene Little-hale from Crescent Park School in Education; Jessica Carter of Carter's Cross County Ski Center for Ski Industry; and Bob Saunders of the Bethel Water District for Public Service. The committee also chose Don Bennett from Bennett's Logging to receive the Wood Products Award.

Good citizenship is a valuable quality that the chamber has felt needs to be recognized, especially among the youth of the region. It is for this reason that we have included two Student Citizenship Awards. The staff at Telstar High School assists the chamber in the selection of these individuals each year and this year Jeff Chandler of Woodstock and Casey Brown of Andover have been presented this distinction. Additionally, for the third consecutive year, the chamber is awarding the Susan O'Donnell Memorial Taste of Bethel Scholarship to a student pursuing the culinary arts field. This year, that scholarship is being awarded to Mandy Berry of Newry.

A Volunteer of the Year and the President's Award are also traditional presentations of the evening. Allen Connors, currently past president of the chamber, will be receiving the President's Award and the Volunteer of the Year will remain a surprise until the awards dinner.

All are welcomed to attend this great celebration. We are honored to have Al Bancroft, president of Bancroft Contracting Corporation of South Paris as our guest speaker. The Explorations Art Program will be featured at the Social Hour, starting at 6 p.m., with a full buffet dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Local musicians will share their talents with the group throughout the evening. Reservations need to be made by Friday, April 30 by calling 824-2282 or e-mail: info@bethelmaine.com. The cost is \$25 per person with tables of 8 or 10 available to groups. Please join us for this memorable evening.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

PROJECT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

To the Editor:

The Class of 1999 at Telstar Regional High School is completing their senior year and looking forward to graduation and moving on to new endeavors. Many have received acceptances to post-secondary schools, colleges, universities and further training. Project Opportunity, Inc., will be awarding scholarships again this year in an attempt to make the financial burden of going on to school a little easier.

Each member of the graduating class has earned a number of "opportunity points" over their years at Telstar. Project Opportunity scholarships are awarded on the basis of the number of points each graduate has accumulated. To be considered for a Project Opportunity, Inc., scholarship, seniors must apply for assistance prior to the application deadline of April 30. The application forms are available in the Telstar guidance office and must be returned to Mr. Davis in the high school office prior to the deadline.

Graduation from Telstar is an accomplishment each graduate should be proud of. As a community, we extend our congratulations and best wishes. Project Opportunity seeks to encourage seniors to continue their formal education by awarding scholarship aid to those who choose to go on to school.

Many businesses and individuals have made contributions to Project Opportunity, Inc., in order to make these scholarship awards possible. Our fundraising effort is ongoing, with a selected segment of the community being canvassed each year. When businesses and individuals receive our request for support in the mail, we encourage them to respond generously. It is only through their generosity that the number and amount of our scholarships continue to grow. Their support is appreciated.

Again, the deadline for scholarship is April 30.

Donald A. Bean
For the Board of Directors, Project Opportunity, Inc.

In our Backyard:

Learn not to burn

By ANDREA LANI

We've all done it a thousand times. Opened a package of meat, emptied a carton of juice, and wondered, "what do I do with this trash?" An easy solution might be to throw it in the fireplace, wood stove or backyard burn barrel, where it will burn and just go away, right? Wrong.

Remember what your science teacher used to say, "matter can neither be created nor destroyed." That means the trash you burn doesn't disappear. It just changes form, into smoke and ash.

These by-products of burning may contain toxins that are not in the garbage to begin with, but are created by the chemical reactions that occur in the fire. Other hazardous materials exist in a fairly harmless state as trash, only to be released when burned.

Burning plastics, metal, paper and other household garbage causes hazardous pollutants to enter the air we, our families, and our neighbors breathe. Many of the pollutants from backyard burning can cause health problems, from respiratory trouble to cancer.

But, you may ask yourself, if the trash is going to be burned anyway, why not save time and money, and burn it at home? It is true that nearly half of our trash here in Maine goes to large incinerators that emit some of the same pollutants that backyard burn barrels produce. But these facilities employ pollution controls that reduce or eliminate pollutants.

A backyard burn barrel is also about three feet tall, right on the breathing level of a young child. Kids breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults, and absorb more of the pollution in that air.

Although backyard trash burning is still legal in some Maine communities, no one wants to live downwind of a trash incinerator, whether backyard or industrial. The answer to this dilemma is one we've heard many times before: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Maine recycling centers take a lot of the waste we might otherwise toss into the fire, including glass, aluminum and steel cans, some plastics, paper, newspaper and cardboard. We can use our creativity to turn other materials into storage containers or craft projects. Yard trimmings and kitchen scraps make great compost.

But no matter how much we try to recycle and reuse, we'll always get some packaging material that's good only for its original purpose.

This is our chance to vote with our dollars. We can buy products in bulk, with minimal packaging. If we find that something we can't give up is over-packaged, we can let the manufacturer know our concerns. When they see business at stake, they may change how they package their products.

That plastic wrapper in our hands takes on a whole new meaning when viewed as a potential source of toxic air pollution.

With a little effort at the store and the recycling center, we can all learn not to burn.

E-mail your environmental questions to info@state.me.us or send them to In Our Backyard, Maine DEP, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. They will be answered periodically in this column.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: The third in a recent series of minor earthquakes rumbled through the Bethel area.

Sunday River Ski Resort held its first annual snowboard camp, open to all junior and senior high school students.

Lillian Lowell was promoted to branch supervisor of the Rumford branch of Bethel Savings Bank.

The RagTag People's Theatre and the Bethel Inn presented "Something Old, Something New ... The Best of Broadway" as an after-dinner entertainment at the inn.

Telstar senior Nathan Bean received the 1989 Principal's Award. Birth: James Whitman Jr. Death: Joseph Ring Jr.

20 years ago: Benny Reehl was directing the community musical, "Plain and Fancy," with the following cast: Mac Davis, Carol Fiske, Lee Ann Trask, Paul Wilson, Ken Sawyer, Allison Whitney, Bede Wellford, Lyn Bristol, Rick Bray, Pearl Jordan, Linda Stowell, Kathy Guinness, Cathy Littlefield and Muriel Whitney; Ruth Feeney and Vicki Rackliffe were designing costumes; Barbara Gasser was directing the choreography for dancers Merton Brown, Sally Fiske, Todd Fiske, Nancy Stowell, Cathy O'Donnell, Rachel Mills, Sandra MacKay, Kay Chadbourne, Tammy Bean, Mary MacKay, Betsy Mills, Mindy McElmurry, Debbie Garrett and Alan Day.

The Gilead Women's Club sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Beverly Corriveau.

Telstar juniors Douglas Webster and Tony Butters were chosen by Mundt-Allen Post 81 and Timothy Hall by the Town of Andover as delegates to Boys' State.

Deaths: Paul Shaw, Eva Roberts, Harry Dunn, Hollis Grindle.

30 years ago: Town Manager Elwyn Dickey reported that television sets were exempt from taxation.

Robert Lowe was Bethel Airport manager.

Frank L. Hollis was appointed assistant manager and plant superintendent at Ekco Housewares in Locke Mills (now Gilbert Mfg.).

Telstar junior Henry Deegan was chosen by Jackson-Silver Post of Locke Mills to be their delegate to Boys' State in Orono.

A smoking petition for a smoking room or area at the school, presented to the SAD44 Board of Directors was denied.

Belle Hamlin was guest of honor at an open house in observance of her 85th birthday, planned by her former neighbors in the Park at the home of Monique Rolfe.

The SAD44 Board of Directors announced the following resignations: Louvie Coffin and Colista Morgan, Woodstock Elementary School; Ethel Ward, Ethel Bisbee School; Thomas Marino and Gary Chretien, Telstar.

Births: Stephen Abbott, Donald Chase.

Marriages: Sally Brooks and Frederick Sawyer, Carol Spencer and Richard Sweetser.

Deaths: Clinton Beck, Lena Poulin.

40 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at an open house at their home on Paradise Street.

Mrs. Amy Bunker, West Greenwood, had 16,600 baby chicks arrive.

E.G. Blake was having a retaining wall built in front of his home on Middle Intervale Road.

Victoria Robertson of the Bethel Busy Workers was a winner in the Oxford County 4-H Club Demonstrations.

Birth: Brent Swan.

Deaths: Grace Tyler, Minnie Bennett, Archie Cameron.

50 years ago: Father and Son Night was observed at the Bethel Chamber of Commerce meeting, with supper served by the American Legion.

Miss Beatrice Brown finished redecorating the "old-fashioned rooms," with antique pieces collected over many years, at her home on Main Street (former Fred Edwards' home and currently Holidae House).

Mrs. Helen Dyer, with assistance from Emily Saunders, was directing the play, "The Male Animal," for the Bethel Players.

Deaths: Zenas Mills, Harvey Powers, Myra Jacobson.

100 years ago: H.H. Stetson, State Superintendent of Schools, gave the last lecture in the series at Gould Academy.

It was voted at the Town Meeting to sell the chair factory for \$4,000. A.W. Grover opened an undertaking service across from the Odd Fellows Hall on Main Street.

Death: Jacob Clark.

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Briefly

More \$ needed for beach lot

WOODSTOCK--A special Town Meeting has been scheduled for May 4 to consider appropriating more money to purchase a lot across the street from the town beach on Lakeside Street. At the annual Town Meeting March 29, voters approved \$20,550, the assessed value for the two-acre parcel, which is to be used for parking. But in the meantime, the property owner had made an informal commitment to a potential buyer who wanted to build on the lot, town manager Vern Maxfield told selectmen Tuesday. The lot owner said he needed to get at least \$24,000 for the property. At that point, said Maxfield, realtor Gordon Brown bought the lot himself for \$24,784, to save it for the town. Brown now wants only the money he put into it, Maxfield said. If voters approve paying the higher price, the money would likely come from the tree growth account. Another article on the special meeting warrant will ask them to consider funding a 350-foot chainlink fence, to run along the boundary with abutter Tom O'Rourke's property. The estimated cost of the fence is \$3,200.

Newry to hire lawyer

NEWRY--Selectmen decided Tuesday to hire a lawyer to represent the town in negotiating the renewal of the cable television contract with FrontierVision. The current contract expires at the end of this year. The selectmen have been trying for several years to get the cable company to run cable in the Bear River and upper Sunday River areas of town. They have argued in a series of meetings with company representatives that profits from the concentrated number of cable customers at Sunday River Ski Resort's condominiums will help finance cabling the more sparsely populated areas. But FrontierVision has declined, saying the customer population is still too low. Selectmen are hiring a lawyer, said first selectman Steve Wight, because "we've tried everything else." Lee Bragg, an attorney for the firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson, is expected to represent Newry.

More Arbor trees for Me.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Maine residents qualify for 20 extra free trees per household in this year's Arbor Day tree program. Millions of trees are being given away in observance of National Arbor Day through a special National Arbor Foundation millennial program. No membership is required. Anyone wishing to obtain trees this spring has until April 30 to sign up. There are four kinds of seedlings currently available -- spruce, birch, maple and tulip tree. They average 10 to 24 inches tall. Although each person generally gets five trees for free in the program; those living in recovering disaster areas qualify for up to 25 trees per household. Maine qualifies as a result of the Ice Storm of 1998. Individuals can register for the trees in three ways: 1) log on to the Arbor Day website at www.arborday.com; 2) call toll-free 1-877-arborday; 3) send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Arbor Day 2000, Washington, D.C. 20044-0980. They may be mailed for the cost of shipping and handling (less than \$5 for five trees; \$14.90 for 25). Schools, youth groups and corporations also have the opportunity to get trees.

CPS students in the loop

BETHEL--Some students and teachers at Crescent Park Elementary School will try a new form of class organization next year -- looping. A class of second-graders, for example, will stay with the same teacher right through third grade. The following year, the same teacher begins another two-year cycle with another group of second-graders. The format, said principal David Murphy, will allow the children to progress more efficiently into third grade because the teacher will already be familiar with their individual skill levels. About one-third of the school's students will participate in the new grouping plan. The plan may be implemented at the Woodstock school in the future, but teacher maternity leaves will prevent it for next year.

Angus the Event

PORTLAND--The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has been selected as the winner of an award for Excellence in a Special Event at the recent Governor's Conference on tourism. The event: Angus, King of the Mountain. The award was presented to chamber representatives and snowman volunteers by Mary Herman, Maine's First Lady, and Cindy Williams, WCSH anchorwoman.

Fire, water damage Roberts farm

BETHEL--Quick action by the Bethel and Newry fire departments -- and the good fortune that Fire Chief Brad Wight happened to be driving by -- kept damage to a minimum in a chimney fire at Roberts Poultry Farm Friday. Wight was driving home around 4:30 p.m. when he saw smoke coming from around the chimney of the farmhouse. Firefighters responded to the call and contained the blaze to the area around the chimney. Some structural and water damage was sustained, but Randy and Karen Harrington have been able to remain in the home.

Chip mill meeting #3

WEST PARIS--About two dozen residents attended a third informational meeting last week regarding a Mead chip mill planned for a Route 26 site. Mead expects to complete its Department of Environmental Protection permit application next week. If approved, company officials said, the project's construction could begin in late June or early July.

Join search & rescue

BETHEL--The Bethel Search & Rescue Team is looking for new members, age 18 or older. The team provides training in first aid and outdoor skills. An outdoor training session is scheduled for May 2 at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Rescue Barn, and prospective members are welcome to take part. Anyone interested but unable to attend the session may call 824-2744 or 836-2174 for information.

"Public" Election Act?

AUGUSTA--State Sen. Norm Ferguson (R-Hanover) is proposing to change the name of Maine's Clean Election Act to the Public Election Act, to avoid demeaning candidates who decline to participate in the program's public financing process. The implication of not participating, he said, is that the candidate is "a dirty election candidate." Under the new law, approved in 1996, maximum allowable contributions from corporations or political action committees are reduced from \$5,000 to \$500 for a gubernatorial candidate and \$250 for a Senate or House candidate. Similarly, limits on contributions by individuals are lowered from \$1,000 per election to \$500 or \$250. Candidates volunteering to forgo private funding and abide by spending caps in the 2000 election cycle may draw from a Maine Clean Election Fund. A defender of the law's title said the law does not call for any labeling on ballots or otherwise, and does not cast aspersions on candidates who raise their own money from private sources.

Wildlife park opens today

GRAY--April 15 marks opening day at the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. The 200-acre park has more than 25 different species of wildlife on exhibit, including moose, black bear, fisher, lynx, mountain lions, white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, bald eagles, hawks, owls and trout. New this year are a broad wing hawk and a cooper's hawk. A new exhibit featuring wild turkeys is open, and construction for a native turtle and wetland exhibit is underway and will be finished in the summer. In addition to the wildlife displays, the park also offers nature trails, a visitors' center and demonstration wildlife gardens. June 12 will be the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Open House Day. Admission to the park that day is free, with demonstrations, displays and other information offered. The park's season runs through Nov. 11. MWP, located off Route 26, is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for ages 4-12.

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Fake sticker doesn't fool police

At 11:35 p.m. a subject was stopped on Route 26 for a vehicle defect. It was found she was transporting alcohol. In addition, the vehicle's inspection sticker was counterfeit and had been generated on a computer. Jennifer L. Evans, 18, of West Paris was summonsed for the offenses.

Friday, April 9

At 7:42 p.m. police responded to Bird Hill Road to apprehend a subject on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. On arrival, the subject was found to be in contact with subjects whom he had been previously forbidden to contact, per a bail condition. Philip D. Snow, 37, was arrested for violation of bail and the criminal arrest warrant and taken to the Oxford County Jail. He was held in lieu of bail.

Saturday, April 10

At 12:35 a.m. police stopped a subject on the Sunday River Road for a stop sign violation. The driver was found to be transporting alcohol. A small amount of marijuana was also found in a glass jar under the seat. Further investigation located about three-quarters of an ounce of marijuana in the vehicle, along with a scale and other items. The items were seized and the subject, James A. Gilmore, 20, of Poland Spring was summonsed for failure to stop at a stop sign, failure to provide evidence of insurance, illegal transportation of alcohol by a minor, illegal possession of a usable amount of marijuana and illegal possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 2 a.m. a subject was stopped on Route 26 for swerving. He showed signs of intoxication and was asked to perform field sobriety tests. Based on the tests, Benjamin Kellogg, 32, of Bethel was arrested. While searching the vehicle, the officer located two pot pipes with residue. The subject was taken to the Oxford County Jail, where an intoxilizer test was administered, with a result of .18 percent. He was held in lieu of bail.

At 3:30 p.m. a vehicle was stopped for traveling 58 miles per hour in a 35 m.p.h. zone. The subject was given field sobriety tests and failed three out of four. Carella F. Brooks of Lewiston was arrested and held in lieu of bail.

At 9:10 p.m. a subject was stopped on Route 26 for a vehicle defect. It was discovered he was transporting liquor. The alcohol was seized and the subject, a minor, was summonsed for the offense.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies. An answering machine takes calls when an officer is not in the office.

EXPERIENCE

Dr. Michael J. Liberti

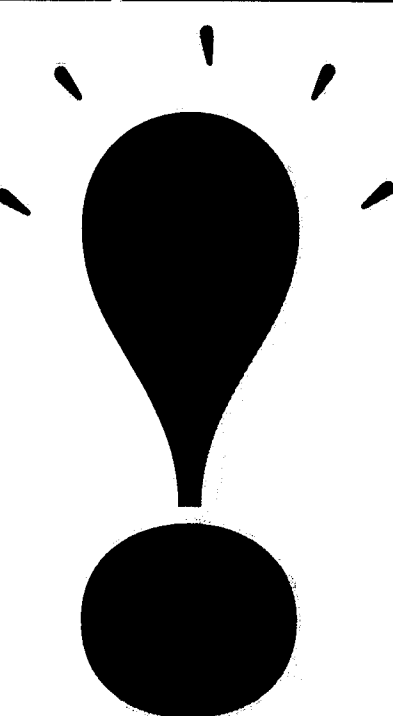
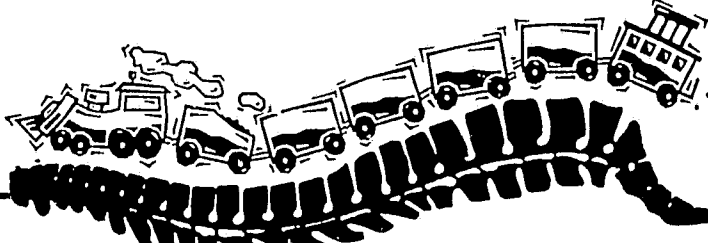
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Detail of Andover Town Hall curtain.

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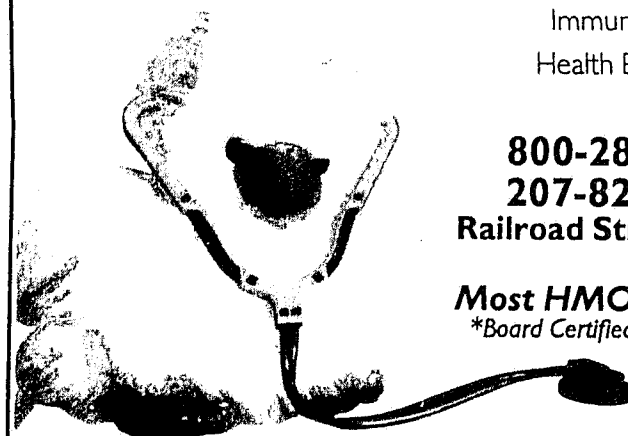
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Sewer budget

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needs well into the future -- and that we'll be glad we did it."

The \$395,006 figure approved Monday is \$10,228 less than was originally requested.

To get to the lower figure, the selectmen and Budget Committee made a number of cuts and trade-offs.

As that process concluded Monday, treatment-plant operator Rob Gundersen agreed that he could put off building a new reed bed (\$13,000), but he argued strenuously for increasing the pay and hours of his assistant, Valeri Morton.

Morton, who has a class 2 wastewater treatment license, has been budgeted to work 20 hours a week, at a pay of \$7.45 per hour. She does not receive benefits.

Gundersen argued that the pay and hours were unrealistic and non-competitive, and that during the first year of the new plant's operation it was especially important to have qualified operators present to monitor its performance closely.

He noted that a class 2 operator had recently been hired in Jackman at \$9.50 an hour.

If Bethel could not offer more than 20 hours at \$7.45, Gundersen said, "I'm afraid she'll walk -- I would."

He also pointed out that the plant is fully covered by a warranty during its first year of operation, and this is the time to put it through its paces, to attempt to identify problems while they were still the contractors' responsibility, and to determine the most energy-efficient ways to run the plant.

And to do any of these things, he argued, he needs more hours from his assistant.

There was not much disagreement from the two boards on either point.

Budget Committee chairman John Gray said: "I'm sympathetic to the rate payers, but we've got all that money invested down there, and you need qualified people to operate it."

As to the pay and hours, there was also consensus they needed to

be improved.

"If you lose her, you'll have to pay (the replacement) \$9.50 and have to train them," said Punky Davis.

The boards eventually agreed to budget for Morton to work 32 hours a week at a rate of \$8.50. At 32 hours she also qualifies for prorated vacation, sick leave and holidays (but not health insurance).

And Dresser indicated the selectmen -- who set salaries for town employees -- would probably revisit the question within a year.

He termed this adjustment: "a good faith effort" on the part of the town.

The public hearing on the rate increase is tentatively set for May 3.

The two boards also passed, after only brief questions, a \$1,394,178 budget for the Bethel Airport Authority. Nearly all that figure is made up of federal and state funds that are being used for the airport expansion project.

Main St.

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MID-MORNING MONDAY, and Main Street in Bethel was hardly bustling.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

School Board

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Polak cited controversy surrounding a cable television station, Channel 1, which several years ago offered schools nationwide a free news program hookup. The station also carried product advertising. Many school systems passed on the channel, because they did not want to introduce TV ads into educational offerings.

Students, said Polak, have enough exposure already to ads, and the school should be "neutral ground."

Polak also said it might be difficult to draw the line on the types of companies from which the district would accept donations with advertising. He wanted the board's policy committee to come up with clearer guidelines than currently exist.

Polak cited a section of policy stating that commercial advertisements may not be distributed or posted on school premises without the superintendent's permission.

"Before we approve further advertising, we need to decide what advertising we will allow, and on what grounds," he said.

Director Janet Brown, also from Woodstock, agreed, saying she was not particularly enthusiastic about advertising the soda company.

Scoreboard "benign"

But director Jill Rundle of Bethel said scoreboard advertising was different from the Channel 1 issue.

TV ads take away from educational time, she said, but a scoreboard ad is "fairly benign and non-intrusive."

Dick Melville of Greenwood, who also favored accepting the scoreboard, picked up a paper coffee cup from the board's table. The cup bore the words "Shop 'n Save."

Advertising, said Melville, is already common in the schools -- people just have to look around to see it.

Directors eventually voted 456-260 to approve the scoreboard. Polak, Brown, and Andover directors Lori Hall and Sid Pew were opposed.

Supt. Kent Rosberg said the Policy Committee will likely still review the advertising policy for the future.

Money matters

Directors also dealt with several money issues.

State aid figures have not yet been determined by the Legislature, and Supt. Kent Rosberg has delayed presenting a budget proposal to the board. But with time until the

next fiscal year growing short (July 1), directors will begin considering a budget with estimated figures later this month. A referendum vote could be scheduled for June 10.

Whenever the budget does come together, it will include raises for six school administrators. They will receive a 3.5 percent increase in each of the FY'00 and FY'01 fiscal years. A \$500 increase in the educators' insurance cafeteria plan was also approved for each of the same two years. The plan is currently funded at \$6,750 per person.

There is one pot of state money the district will apparently have no share in at all -- at least not for now. SAD44's request for aid to remove asbestos at the Telstar High/Middle school complex will probably not be funded this year, said Rosberg. "Yes, we have some severe needs," he said, but in the eyes of state officials making the decision, "not as severe as other schools." Problems at the 30-year-old school include damaged asbestos ceiling tiles and heat pipe insulation.

Funding, he said, might come in the future as districts that did receive funds pay back a portion of the money to the state.

ago featured a presentation about the National Main Street Center program. The program uses a four-point approach to revitalizing a Main Street, including returning older buildings to their original design, promoting the Main Street and its businesses, identifying new business opportunities and recruiting businesses and forming a special organization focused on the interests of the Main Street.

Locally, the ideas will likely be incorporated into the plans of an area Economic Development Task Force. The group plans a business visitation survey this summer. Volunteers will gather information and opinions. The data could be used in a grant application to fund Main Street revitalization activities.

Several businesspeople contacted by the Citizen offered their informal ideas for improvements: Di Cocco said she would like to see activities such as the Farmer's Market move to a more central location -- for example, next to the Civil War monument.

It might also be profitable to capitalize on the area's history and expand history-related tours of the village, she said. BHS currently offers such tours of the Broad Street area.

As for possible new businesses, di Cocco said a general store would be a welcome addition. "There are 5,000 beds in this town," she said, "and there's no place to buy a sheet or a towel. People come in from the

condos and ask, 'Where do regular people shop?' Everyone I know has one day a week they leave town, and do their shopping." And as part of that trip, they often eat out elsewhere, too, she said.

Howe seconds the idea of a general store -- along the lines of Brown's Variety, which closed more than a decade ago.

He thinks people would be willing to pay a little more for basic items they could buy in Bethel, as long as it's accompanied by a friendly smile from a store clerk. "People don't mind paying higher prices if someone's nice to them," he said.

A towel source discovered

Jack Brooks of Brooks Bros. said contrary to di Cocco's impression, people can in fact buy towels at his store -- but he, too, agrees that "we need another Brown's Variety."

It's also hard to keep locals in town to shop if there's only one grocery store, he said. In his business, with Western Maine Supply nearby to offer some competition, prices are kept in check because customers can comparison shop, said Brooks. If people feel they must go out of town to get competitive prices for groceries, they'll likely buy other items there, too, he said.

But beyond ideas to draw more locals, Main Street's success will continue to be tied to the tourist and skier business, said Brooks. "We need a little -- or a lot -- of both (local and tourist business)," he said.

Sandy Dennis of Books 'n Things in Philbrook Place likes di Cocco's idea of having events for both locals and visitors more centrally located on Main Street. During the summer's Mollycoddle Festival -- located on the Common -- Dennis' business actually drops, she said, because the crowds are concentrated at the other end of Main Street.

Her business also dropped during this year's "snowman season," when Angus was at his height of popularity. Skiers with a couple of hours extra time, she said, came

into town to look at the snowman rather than shop for books.

Other ideas

Betsy Cooper of True North Adventureware, also located in Philbrook Place, favored more inviting signage and roadways and more parking. Such resources might lure Route 2 drivers into the village, she said.

Playing up the area's history, as di Cocco suggested, and providing easy access for snowmobilers might also help, said Cooper.

The inactivity on upper Main Street, said Howe, could be remedied in part through the renovation of the upstairs of Odeon Hall, where the Town Office is located. It could serve as a site for arts events and Town Meetings, he said. Former offices in the front of upstairs could also be renovated and used again.

Whitney's suggestion: "Less ordinances. Take the sign ordinance and get rid of it," she said. "Allow us to advertise our businesses. If a sign is ugly and unattractive, it wouldn't attract people." Di Cocco agrees, at least to some extent. Current restrictions on temporary and event-related banners make it difficult to do business, she said.

Return of Post Office promising

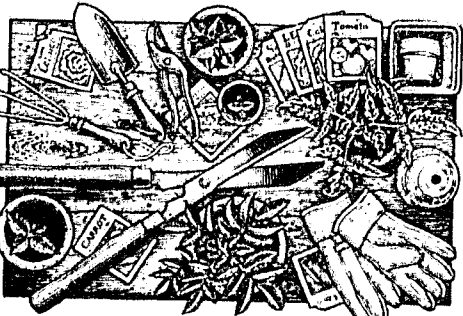
The businesspeople have welcomed the recent return of the Bethel Post Office to its renovated building. It is generating more interest in commercial property on the street, according to realtor Doty Duddy of Maine Street Realty.

"We've seen considerable action on three major commercial properties that had been inactive," said Duddy. She's using the return of the Post Office as a sales pitch. "People like to see it here. It gives a sense of community to Main Street," she said.

Di Cocco, Whitney and Ruth Grover of Ruthie's also said it's good to see the return of the Post Office and its related activity.

"If it hadn't come back," said Whitney, "it would have been the end of Main Street."

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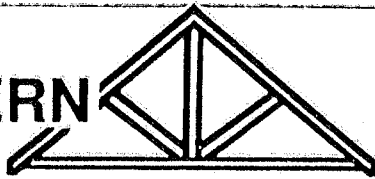
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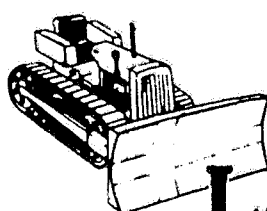


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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Mary Keniston accompanied her daughter and husband, Donna and Alton Howe of North Waterford, to Old Saybrook, Conn., on Friday to visit with grandson/son and wife, Alton "Chipper" Howe III and Barbara and daughters Jiselle and Kaylea. It was a special occasion, as Jiselle, Mary's great-granddaughter, celebrated her fifth birthday on Sunday. The birthday party had all the special fixings for a young lady with a birthday cake resembling the favorite "Barbie" doll. There were 12 young neighborhood friends and several adults present, including besides parents and grandparents, Aunt Sandra Rice and cousin Rachel Rice of Guilford, Conn., and Aunt April Howe of Northborough, Mass. Douglas Rice and brown lab, "Harley" called Sunday evening. The Maine visitors returned to their homes on Monday.

Bud and Mary Paine were in Lexington, Mass., over the weekend with Mike and Sarah Lawthers and attended Mike's mother's funeral.

April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month." Activities about healthy families are being studied at Crescent Park School: eating dinner together, reading books together, picking flowers together, going to Florida together.

Guest speaker at the Bethel Methodist Church on Sunday was the Rev. James Hill from Mountboro, N.H. Guest organist was Miss Gabrielle Smith of Exeter, N.H. The Rev. Gerry is on vacation visiting her children in Minnesota.

Eva Perry and Edith Rowe attended a baby shower for Becky Swan at the North Waterford Church on Sunday.

Rudy and Joann Royer have returned home from Florida where they spent several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Jim Brown is a patient at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

On Saturday, April 10, Nancy Brooks hosted a gathering of friends at her home off the Bailey Road. Those attending were Pat Clark, Unity; Penny Poor and Peggy Madigan, Andover; and Sandy Delano, East Andover. All enjoyed a great potluck meal and had fun catching up on old and new news.

George and Ginny Gamble have moved into their new home on Paradise Road.

Mary Cross Kendall Hester underwent surgery for brain tumors on Monday. Her address is Mrs.



TOO MANY CATS--Andover selectmen, unable to do anything officially about two dozen cats living in a vacant Sawyer Road house, plan to contact the property owner to try to find a solution. The cats are owned by a former tenant, who returns periodically to feed them. Because they are cared for, the animal control officer cannot do anything about the situation. Neighbors have complained about the animals running onto their property. ACO Dan Peare also said a few animals appeared to have a cough. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Bill Hester, RR 1 Box 477, Okanogan, WA 98840.

A coffee was held this past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis, Paradise Road, assisted by Jan Stowell, to welcome George and Ginny Gamble to the neighborhood.

The Bethel House

by RUTH CUMMINGS
Communion was observed at the Bethel Alliance Church on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday Service was also held at the Bethel Alliance Church.

Bethel Alliance Church joined others at the Pleasant Valley Church in West Bethel for Sunrise Service on Easter.

K.C. Denton was at the Bethel House on Friday for maintenance work.

Hello Avis and Ellis.

Cathy Newell treated me to dinner at the Rebel on Saturday and then took me for a ride over Paradise. There are a lot of new homes there since I had been over there last. A real big change since Arthur and I left there in September of 1947.

Irene Russell spent Easter with her daughter, Judy Gagnon, and family in Cumberland Center.

Helena Bartlett spent Easter with her son and his wife, Paul and Marie Bartlett, in Locke Mills.

Easter Sunday was a great day at

the Bethel Alliance Church. Pastor Rick delivered a great sermon. His topic, "The Great Cover Up." Many lovely hymns were sung including, "Because He Lives" and "One Day." The ladies trio of Nancy Fox, Andrea Bennett and Nancy Hansen had a special number. There certainly was a very good attendance. Hope the churches did well. Wish we could have as many out every Sunday.

Wayne and Becky Cummings and children, Jordan, Abbie and Michaela, entertained the following to a lovely ham dinner on Easter: Becky's sister Bonnie, and her husband and his mother, Sonny and Nancy Cummings and myself.

Nancy Cummings took me to the Family Health Center to see Jan Whitworth on Monday and I got a very good report. Then she treated me to a dairy joy at Brea's. Then we rode over Paradise and she also took me to the post office.

Vada Glover visited me on Tues-

day. We went to the store and had dinner at the Frozen Logger. We went for two short walks and we played cribbage. She is still one game ahead in 149 games for 1999.

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North Newry



by Gil Sealey
Ras Bachelder has returned home after spending a week at the hospital for observations. We wish him well.

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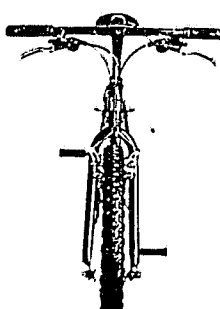
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by Lorraine Larson

One of my life's little aggravations, (why didn't I use a word I could spell? I had to look it up), is to plan to go somewhere and have it changed for me at the last minute. Friday, we were supposed to go to Lewiston, but today the doctor's office called to change the appointment. Now I had gone to some trouble to set up my blood tests at Stephens Memorial Hospital so we could get everything done the same day. So much for the best laid plans of mice and men. I'm still getting my blood drawn tomorrow because I'm not about to do a 14-hour fast for nothing. I never realize how much of a nibbler I am until I can't do it. I don't really mind going without food. It's just that so many times I do it so unthinkingly that I have to really focus on not taking a taste of this or a taste of that. In fact, it wouldn't hurt if I did this more often -- like every day. With my luck, I would probably gain a pound as my body issues a "starvation alert" complete with bells and whistles.

Gerry Shimamura and I were in Norway Friday, where I got my blood work done at Stephens Memorial Hospital. I'm glad to have gotten it done but it still seems like a lot of time spent for so simple a thing, but, of course, we enjoyed "shooting the breeze" down and back.

Today, Thursday, the 8th of April, has been a rather unsettled day. We woke to overcast skies, then sun, then wind, then a couple short but intense thunderstorms scudded through with sheets of water, wind and sleet.

Most of the remainder of the ice has gone wherever it goes. I know it goes because one can see the evidence as the water begins to take over the pond and there is less and less ice; but, most of the time, even though I watch it intently for sev-

eral minutes at a time, I see little progress until I turn away. Then, when I turn back, miracles of miracles. The little pond I had been watching was either gone or was a foot or two downstream. Then to make matters more confusing, a circle of ice several feet wide comes floating upstream. I know the water flows under the bridge, going in an easterly direction, but the water that flows, partly from the pond, under the bridge on Howe Hill Road flows westerly. I have not yet figured out how this little pond can flow in both directions, but it does. Certainly the pond tried to keep its secrets.

It is nice to see the ducks swimming on the pond again. I saw a mallard drake with three ladies. Another drake was trying to either be part of the group or steal one away, but the first drake was very alert and so far has kept his harem. I have seen a wood duck pair, a pair of shovelnoses and a pair of hooded mergansers. One doesn't get to see the latter very often. What a treat.

Wednesday evening Andy and I accompanied Debbie Brown and Rhonda Mitchell to Mountaintop Fellowship Church in Oakland where a youth group that had just come back from Toronto Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church took part in the service. They provided the worship with guitars, drums and other instruments accompanying the singing. The pastor's wife, herself a pastor, gave a short message. Then the teens each gave a testimony about what had taken place there. As one young man put it, "Our faith was greatly increased when we saw awesome things such as healings with our own eyes." They followed up their testimonies with a spiritual song and a hands-on ministry time.

It was after midnight when we

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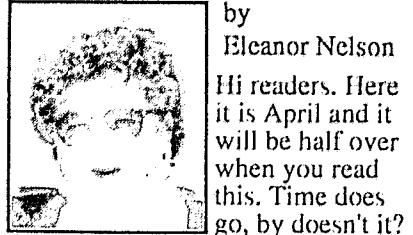
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got home and the animals were very glad to see us. Even though they have each other, their little world doesn't feel quite right until their humans come back. When we have to go without Princess, we tell her she has to "baby-sit." She is not too thrilled but she takes her duties very seriously and herds them around, especially the black cats. She knows who are the mischief-makers and she usually chases them into the kitchen. Why she prefers them there I haven't figured out, maybe because it's a smaller room and she can watch them all at once.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. Here it is April and it will be half over when you read this. Time does go, by doesn't it? It doesn't wait for anyone. Pretty soon we'll hear the frogs (tree toads) peeping and that will mean smelting time. That is something most city people don't know about. We used to have fun going smelting. It was cold and wet but that didn't matter. I would scoop the shiny smelts out of the net and put them into the pail. Sometimes it took all night to get a "mess," but boy weren't they good after they were cleaned and washed and fried with salt pork and corn meal, and better yet, with fresh dug parsnips. They're no way like the store-bought ones.

Last Friday night I attended the high school play, "Go Ask Alice," which was put on by the Fryeburg Academy at the Gibson Gym. Matthew Nelson was one of the actors. Hillary Mann, who was Alice, was very good, too. They all did very well. What a lot they have

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to learn. Also, the music was different and good. More people should support these school plays. This one was played three nights. It was based on a true story.

Sunday morning, I helped Sharon McAllister and Loretta Andrews serve Easter breakfast to about 40 people at the North Waterford Church after they had been to Sunrise Services at the parsonage yard at 6 a.m. Everything went well and it did seem good to be back to our own church in Stoneham for regular services, which will continue during the month of April. George Kosiavelon and helpers are again back to work on the church siding. It will be so nice when finished.

Joshua Jones has been working for Albert E. Nelson Sr. sawing wood recently.

Travis Fox has recently moved into the former Walter and Carolyn Heino's place.

There are two new dogs in town. Peter and Travis Fox each have a new puppy. I won't tell you what Pete's puppy did to his truck. Like "kids will be kids" -- "puppies will be puppies."

Don't forget Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to meet at the K. of P. Hall in Stoneham on April 22, at 7 p.m. This is an important meeting.

The April meeting of Oxford County Republicans was held on April 13 at Otisfield Fire Station. The May meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11 at Norway. All Republicans are encouraged to attend.

Did I mention the Family Banquet is planned for Tuesday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at North Waterford Church? Tickets are available from me or other church members. They are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. There will be entertainment and door prizes.

NOTICE: In order to prepare for Mother's Day and Memorial Day, lot owners are hereby notified that all old cemetery decorations will be removed by caretakers after May 1, per the Stoneham Cemetery Committee. Real old faded ones will especially go, but if you have anything special you would like to save, please let the sexton know. Thank you.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing
Congratulations to Sarah Hart and Phil Lynch on the birth of their son, born April 4, at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Zachary Taylor Lynch weighed 7 pounds. Maternal grandparents are Kellie and Brad Record of South Paris and Ozzie and Joy Hart of Bethel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lynch of Biddeford. Maternal great-grandparents are Richard and Andrea Wing of South Woodstock and Earl and Pat Hart of Bethel. Phil, Sarah and Zachary are now at home in Lisbon Falls.

Also, congratulations to Paul and Cindi (Edmunds) Cox on the birth of a daughter, Cyrena Diane, who weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces. Maternal grandparents are John and Carol Cox of South Woodstock and paternal grandparents are Phil and Barbara Edmunds of West Paris.

Claribel Poland fell recently and received some bad bruises. She is coming along fine, or so she says.

Joan Poland and Terry Merrill spent one day recently visiting Diana Dunn and son Brandon in Old Orchard Beach. Brandon is a little over one year old and a real cutie.

A piece of artwork is going up next to our house; an engineered clothesline that is perfect in every way. It has been measured and re-measured, to be sure it is correct, by Jim Boutillier. Edna supervised the project. She is anxious to hang her clothes outside in this nice weather.

Joe Pete Appleby paid a visit to Richard Wing one morning this past week for coffee.

I hope Lempi Cyr had an extra special birthday on April 8.

I've tied my yellow ribbons out for the three servicemen who are being held captive.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that he has recently received a framed picture of a chapel at Oxford University at Easter. Larry also gave some items to the Wood-



GOTCHA--Mud Season was pretty mellow this year, but the shoulders of dirt roads -- in this case, Sheepskin Bog Road in Greenwood --can still be unforgiving.
(Photo by Michael Daniels)

stock Elementary School for the children. The society opens up the past for everyone.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that I have noticed that even the busiest people are never too busy to take the time to tell you how busy they are."

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
Spring has come to the Valley and changes are occurring. Ed and Julie have returned from Florida with new trailers, motorcycles and tans. (At least Julie had one.) The snow is pretty much gone and I expect the critters to return soon. Fence repairs were spotted in the field just the other day. On the negative side, Angus is withering away, daily, and Neighbor Nancy is planning to relocate.

Today, we took a trip to Gorham and Berlin. Nancy needed things for her physics students and I

wanted to browse the spring sale at J. C. Penney's. Nancy made out okay, but I was sadly disappointed. Next, my friend and I went to get some wood, as ours is sadly depleted. We returned home with several large hunks of punky pine that turned out to be filled with ants. Nothing I want in my house. Guess we'd best go get some of that Bethel Furniture hardwood from Corriveau's. At least I know that will burn, and I won't have to worry about a chimney fire from the punky pine creosote buildup. I plan on just needing wood for a few weeks because it will be warm by then, right? Yeah, right. In any case, the search for wood goes on.

Next Sunday, April 18, I will be going to Norway with Sue Farrar's Readers' Theater to perform our piece on Sexual Assault at the Annual Speak Out put on by REACH. That will occur at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Universalist Church on Main Street in Norway. It should be an exciting experience. We have only performed it once before and that was to a much more limited audience. All are welcome.

Thursday, the 25th, is our April poetry reading. April is National Poetry Month so we are hoping for a good turnout and that our winter friends will return.

That's it for this week. Enjoy the sun while we have it.

Andover



by Tina Farrington
The Awana programs of the Calvary Congregational Church held the annual awards banquet and closing program last Saturday night. A spaghetti supper honors banquet was held in honor of the clubbers' achievements with 90 people attending. Twenty-seven clubbers in kindergarten through sixth grade participated this season along with 14 leaders. Eighteen handbooks were completed by the clubbers.

Earning milestone achievements this season were: Candace Hall and Lindsey Milligan earning the Sparky Award for three years' handbook completion; Jessica Morin earned the Timothy Trophy for four years' handbook completion; Jennifer Morin earned the Meritorious Trophy for six years' handbook completion.

The 1998-99 Awana year marks our seventh season for Awana Clubs at CCC.

Jessica Morin was also awarded the Awana Workman clubber award for her hard work and effort. She was our first clubber to start in kindergarten and go through each grade level and meet all the requirements.

Daniel Chenery and Alyssa Elliot earned Victory trophies for participating in each grade level from kindergarten through sixth grade as well.

Barb Bailey was presented the Awana workman leader award for her hard work and dedication in the record-keeping department.

A Hall of Fame plaque was presented to the church with the names and dates of all clubbers and leaders earning the milestone awards in the seven years of Awana at CCC.

Each year, clubbers earning these awards will be added to the plaque.

Clubbers completing single handbooks were awarded beautiful book ribbons.

Matthew Morin, A.J. Clifford, and Sasha Waite had perfect attendance.

The Teen Group of CCC

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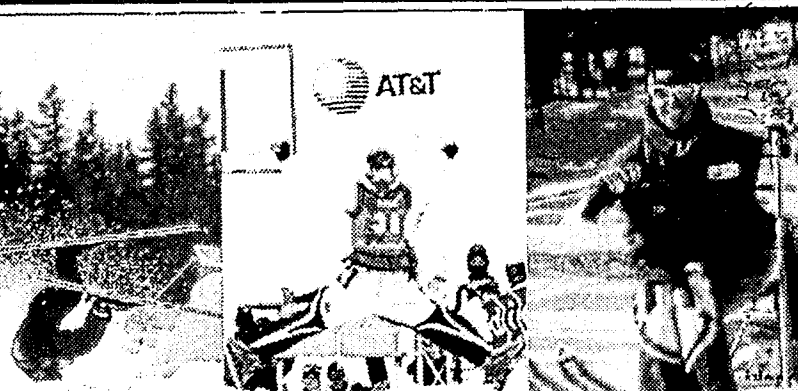
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attended the Luis Palau youth night at the Lewiston Armory last Friday evening. The group enjoyed listening to The Waiting, who performed in concert prior to Luis Palau speaking. Many folks from the area attended the Sunday evening crusade as well. The Mission Maine Crusade moves on to Bangor next. Luis Palau associates will hold a mini crusade at the Muskie Auditorium at Mountain Valley High School on April 12 and 14. This is an awesome opportunity and is being sponsored by many of our area churches.

The Recreation Committee is seeking those interested in playing summer ball. There is a sign-up sheet circulating with all the different available programs and ages. For more information, contact the Recreation Committee or Brian Mills.

The Curriculum Fair for Andover Elementary students will be this Thursday evening, April 15. There is a book fair in conjunction with the fair. Plan to attend and support our community's young people and teachers. They have all been working very hard and deserve our show of support.

Last week's musical concert performed by AES students was fabulous. Congratulations to everyone who worked hard. A special treat was the performance of our upcoming musicians who performed on their musical instruments and did a fine job.

Rank cards will be going home this Friday. And next week is school vacation week.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BIRTHDAY SUPPER

Having successfully made the transition from a fall event to one looking forward to in April, the First Congregational Church is holding its Birthday Supper on Saturday, April 24. It will be served in the Christian Education Building, with the first seating at 5 p.m. According to David Chaisson, chef-cook for the dinner, the menu will include ham with raisin sauce, mashed potato, string beans, and birthday cake. Price for adults is \$6 and \$3 for children under 12.

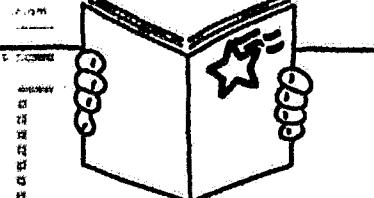
Judy Michaud is in charge of decorating the CEB for the area-wide birthday party, assisted by members of the church choir. A traditional Birthday Supper consists of elaborately decorated tables, one for each month of the year, with season tables for the overflow of diners expected. Homemade cakes carry out each theme, whether it's Valentine's Day in February, a June wedding, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or something less obvious, like a picnic in July.

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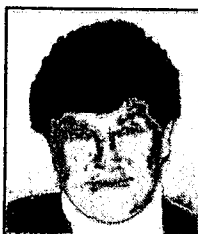


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Upton



by Eleanor LeComte

The ice and snow are melting gradually this year. Usually we have a heavy spring rain runoff

that fills the Dead Cambridge River, which overflows into Stoney Brook and the thaw comes in with a roar, spilling large chunks of ice and water over the cove. When Stoney Brook opens, it is so loud that it can wake you up from a sound sleep. Not so this year. It is a very tame thaw. April in Upton is not the beautiful burst of spring that happens down below. The nights have been cold but the days are pleasant and "Mud Season" is upon us.

There are only three deer left in the area. A doe and two skippers come in to feed after dark. The herd has migrated, we hope, to greener pastures. Joy Yarnell's arborvitae are finally safe.

Pat and Horace Goodrum have been babysitting two grandchildren, ages three and four. The kids found a huge mud puddle and joyfully jumped in. Pat and Horace smiled joyfully behind the curtain, knowing that the parents would soon arrive to pick up the muddy little creatures. Grandparenting has its benefits.

A hungry bear or raccoon is making nightly raids on the bird feeders. My suet ball has disappeared and my neighbors' bird feeder was destroyed.

Becky Kendall felt the lure of spring and visited Upton on Sunday. After a good spring walk, we went over to Errol, N.H., to see the buffalo herd. The beasts are a mess with shaggy, dirty, winter fur. The moose don't look much better. Outdoor living will do that to you. Errol is as quiet as a cathedral now that the snowmobiling season is over.

More ducks flew in this week. They are mostly mallards, but there are a few wood ducks. They perch on the ice at the edge of the Dead Cambridge waiting for the better days ahead.

Monday morning, Richard spotted two large birds on the ice off Birch Point. They were difficult to see with the binoculars, so he called Sue Nelson. She had a much closer view and said they were two mature bald eagles. She had been watching them for quite awhile and said there was a third immature bird. The two drove it off. Usually we see them in the tall pines or soaring over the lake, but it's spring and thoughts of love are in the air.

The bird of the week is the bald eagle. Let's hope we have a successful nesting again this year.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange held a regular meeting on April 9 with a potluck supper before the meeting. We now have five candidates for membership.

Albert Foster is now in rehab at CMMC. He is doing well and wants to come home.

Polly Smith now expects to have twin great-grandsons this summer.

Dana Jackson will celebrate a birthday on April 25.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

A year or so ago I wrote about some of the unpleasant things that medical people, especially doctors do to us -- and we let them. My more recent experiences have only reinforced my impressions; sometimes doctors not only strip you of any modesty you may have had, but they are downright sadistic.

Take prostate exams, for example. They call it a "digital" exam, but it feels more like an analog exam, with the emphasis on "log." Then, they have this ultrasonic probe that gives them a picture of the organ; they use this in conjunction with a fiendishly designed device that gives you a series of what feels like bee stings in a very sensitive area. They claim this is to take biopsy samples, but I call it torture.

And any time you go in for a physical or prep for surgery, they hand you this backless gown and tell you to take off all your clothes and put on the gown. Then they go ahead and peer at, probe and otherwise manipulate your most sensitive anatomy; why do they bother with the gown?

Surgeons are just as bad -- or worse. Mona went in for surgery to reconstruct the arch of her left foot; not only did Dr. Pomeroy slash her foot with several long incisions, but Mona found out her hip hurt more when it was over than her foot. When the bandage on her hip came off prematurely, we found that not only did she have an ugly three-inch incision there, but she was black and blue from midway up her

side all the way down across the left side of her gluteus maximus. No wonder it was sore.

Her torture didn't end with the surgery; she had to go back and have those stainless steel staples removed from her incisions, about 50 of them. Of course, Dr. Pomeroy left this task to his "med-tech," a pleasant appearing young lady. Appearances were deceptive, we found, as she produced her "staple-puller," which, I am sure, was designed to extract the most pain possible with the extraction of each staple. Mona said it felt like she twisted each staple and pulled out skin and meat both along with the staples. She also said she had not experienced that much pain with birth contractions with any of her four kids. Of course, the med-tech feigned sympathy as she extracted each painful staple, but I could tell she enjoyed every minute.

I think medical people must be screened to insure they have the minimum quotient of sadistic fervor before they are allowed to graduate.

Greenwood City



by Colista Morgan

April is here, the "Grass Moon" month. In one week's time many changes have occurred.

Our pond is again sparkling and dancing, so glad to shed its winter cover.

Now birds and bird songs are heard, so train your ears to become more attentive to the world of music around you. Our joyous and lovable little fellow, the robin, smoothly plump and compact with his strong feet and beak is with us again. A big flock covered Ann's yard when her young dog appeared. Neither had ever met before so there was a charge of the dog and a cloud of flying birds, a surprise to both.

Robin's strong voice and the robust chirp and swaying melody of the song sparrow seem to mingle with the forest stillness of early morning and make it more complete.

Perhaps love for the songbirds is more common than the love for flowers. But who can resist the flowers at least in the freshness of morning. The voices of our songsters especially in the first months of spring are noted by nearly everyone and, fortunately, the instinct we love for them is never wholly obliterated.

We are thankful that through the checkered years we have kept the

joy in good and natural things of our earth. We look at and listen to these phenomena and feel exultant just because we can hear, see, and because we can enjoy.

Our thankfulness and praises go to our ancestors, our fathers, tillers of the soil, woodsmen and guides, who sowed such a largesse of thought in this little garden of the world.

So they have again arrived after a winter elsewhere.

"Four ducks on the pond/A grass-bank beyond/A blue sky of spring/Birds on the wing/What a little thing/To remember for years."

--W. Allingham

Our family met on Sunday with David, Sally, and Mary at their home in Norway. All came and we enjoyed a delicious dinner and a happy time. There were ten of us.

I had some lovely flowers for Easter and other nice things.

Ann, Fay and I went to church. We came away feeling sad, for our pastor gave his last sermon here. He, Russell Lane, gave us his goodbye and is moving to Connecticut. I'm sure he and his wife and little daughter will be missed by all.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, April 5 for Community Service Open House. The Richard Felt Band played "America" and "America the Beautiful." Richard Felt, master, welcomed everyone; opening thought -- "Our life tomorrow depends upon our decisions today"; opening song -- "State of Maine Song"; Community Service Award was presented to Miriam Morgan by the master and the state deputy, Connie Tuttle.

Mina has been and still is very active in the Ledgeview Auxiliary, Woodstock Alumni, Willing Workers, as well as other things. A piece about the Grange, written by the late Olive Davis, was read by Russell Yates. Olive Risko told how Whitman Memorial Library got its name and its history; music by Bill and Lona Bedard and Clay McQuarter. Twenty-six or more bears were presented to the Tri-Town Ambulance crew, Mr. and Mrs. Cote and Nella Burnham; music by Richard Felt Band. A new program called "fill a plate" was started with members bringing food, canned or packaged, and this box was presented to Connie Tuttle for the Rumford Food Pantry; Dot Canwell whistled a couple tunes;

candlelight ceremony with reading for April by chaplain; closing thought and closing song, "God Bless America." "Happy Birthday" was sung to Lewis Woodworth, who was 95, and Johnny Howe, who was 93. The flag was retired and the Bible closed. Refreshments were served. Forty-seven people attended. The next meeting is April 19.

Things coming up at the Baptist Church are as follows. Don't forget, kids, the Veggie Vacation Bible School to be held during school vacation, April 19 to 23. All Sunday School age children are welcome to attend. A man's Discipleship class will begin on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Awana room. The quarterly business meeting will be held on April 27. Spring Cleaning Day is scheduled for May 1. The Women's Bible Study is in the Annex each Thursday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Good News Club is each Tuesday at 6 p.m. Bryant Pond Hour is each week on Channel 4 TV on Thursday at 4 and 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

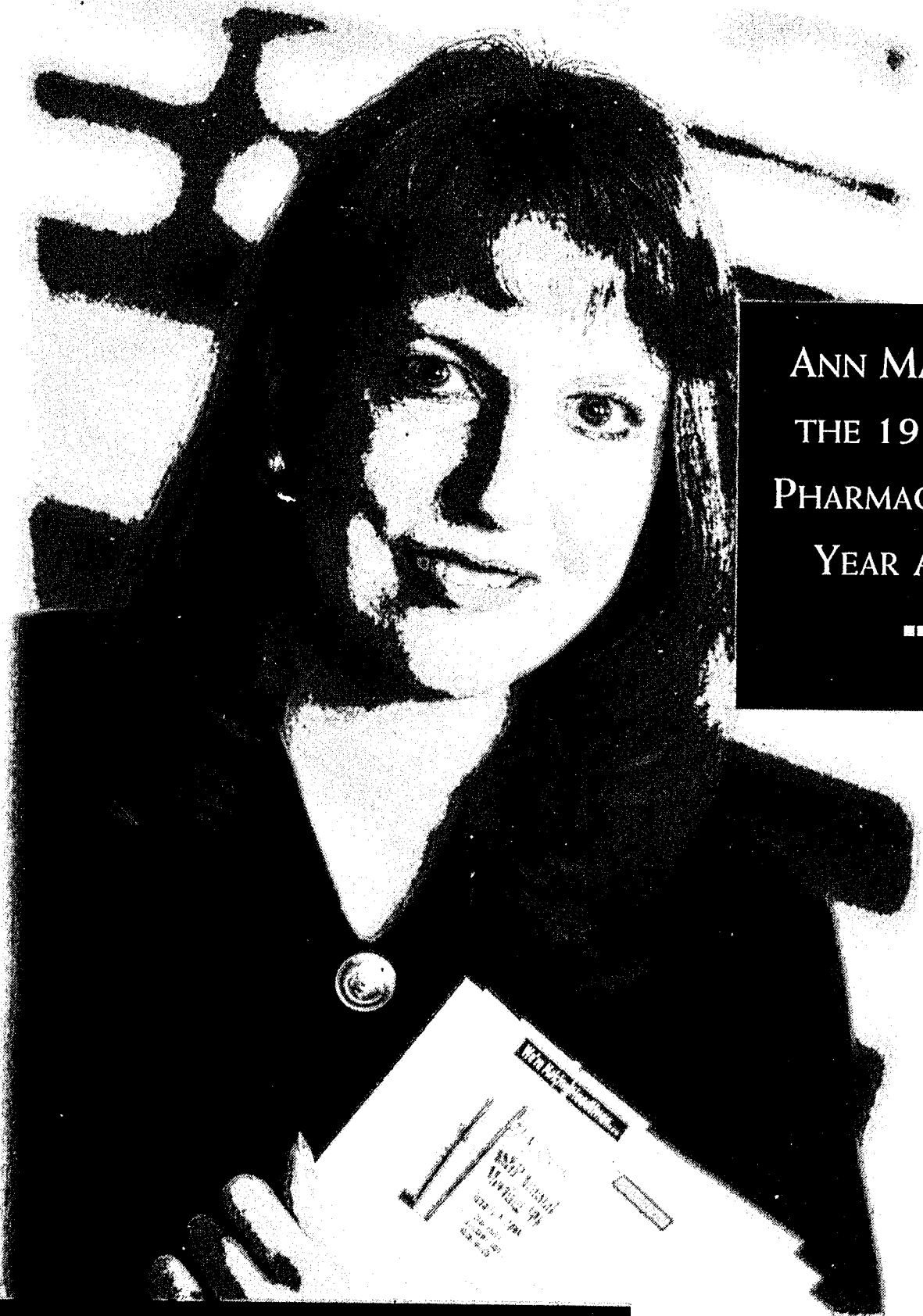
On May 15, the Daughters of Union Veterans will hold a sale of crafts, flea items, food, etc. You may rent a table to sell your own items. Call 665-2460.

The Woodstock Extension will meet at the Town Annex on Wednesday, April 21. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. The program is "Emergency Preparedness" by Wendy Legg Pollock, with a tasting party. New members are welcome.

Curator Larry Billings has given two books on New England to the Historical Society. He also got some wonderful brochures on scenic places all over Maine from the publicity bureau. He filed them at the society for people to use for reference; it is truly a Maine Museum. The society serves the area with real distinction. Its exhibits and activities are designed to benefit everyone. Take advantage of all it offers. The members are dedicated volunteers who do good for the community and their efforts are appreciated. Recently, Larry Billings gave some items to the elementary school. The society is vitally important to the community and the area.

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Maine Shepherd School. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Maine Sheep Breeders Association are pleased to announce a practical, four-day school for the beginner and the experienced sheep and wool producer. The school will run from Thursday, May 13, through Sunday, May 16, at the Cumberland Fairgrounds.

Included in the school are tours of four local sheep and wool farms, discussions on sheep nutrition, live animal evaluation, sheep vaccination, breeding management, parasites and foot problems, steps to a quality wool product and much more.

For more information or to receive a registration form, call the Oxford Extension Office at 743-6329 or 800-287-1482. Registration deadline is May 6. There is a fee for this program.

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NICKERSON INDUCTED

Kate R. Nickerson, daughter of George and Danna Nickerson of Bethel, has been inducted into Central Maine Technical College's Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College.

A 1998 graduate of Telstar High School, Nickerson earned high honors for the first semester at CMTC, where she is enrolled in the office administration program.

She is secretary of the hall council, a member of the CMTC volleyball team, and is employed part-time in the school business office.

LOCALS CHALLENGE CONCLUDES

In the final giant slalom race of the Sunday River/Local's Challenge series, the following skiers finished on top:

Women—Callie Phillips, Donna Richey, Julia Young, Sarah Petrin, Robin Gould.

Men: Brad Jerome, Jamie Ippolito, Rob James, Nick Lambert, Paul Spacht.

The overall team winner for the season was Liquid Kitty, followed by Village People.



AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION—Healthy lungs and teeth were the theme last week for several classes at the Crescent Park Elementary School. At left, Michelle Aron of Upton was among the second-graders who had sealant applied to their teeth at no cost at Dr. John Mason's office. The program will serve second-graders for the next five years, thanks to a grant received in cooperation with the Maine Oral Health Program. Donna Fyrberg is the hygienist treating Michelle. Above, fourth-graders learned about the risks of smoking when they participated in "Tar Wars," a national children's tobacco-free education program. As part of the program, the students designed an ad against smoking and acted it out. Shown here are Paul Gaudreau and Tamara Isham. Sponsors of the program were the SwiftRiver Healthcare, River Valley Partnership for a Tobacco-Free Maine, Rumford Community Hospital and River Valley Healthy Community Coalition. A similar presentation is planned for the Andover Elementary School later this month.

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This week at the

Moses Mason House

A \$1000 grant from the Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund has been received by the Bethel Historical Society for the purchase of an exhibit case for use in the Regional History Center's Robinson House. The gift was made possible through society president Walter Hatch, who is an Exxon annuitant and a very active volunteer for the organization.

"We are extremely grateful to Walter and to Exxon for this support," Charles Raymond, society Board of Trustees chairman, said in making the announcement of the grant. "It will help us to provide more access to our collections as we develop our exhibits in Robinson House," he added.

With a membership over 1100 from more than 45 states, four Canadian provinces, and several European nations, the society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time regional historical organization, dedicated to preserving and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations. Its activities include monthly meetings, lectures, exhibits, special events, school programs, Elderhostel, and publications.

The society's operations are currently housed in the Dr. Moses Ma-

son House (1813), which contains a period house museum, meeting room, research facilities, and office. It is currently conducting a capital campaign to acquire, renovate, and endow another museum building (the ca. 1821 Robinson House) to its holdings and establish a regional history center focusing on the northern New England past through conferences, traditional craft festivals, lectures, publications, special events, and exhibits. For more information, please call toll free 800-824-2910 or visit the society's Web-site: <http://orion.bdc.bethel.me.us/~history> or write P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012.

From the

Bethel Area

Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is proud to announce that we were selected and received an award at the Governor's Conference on Tourism last evening in Portland. We were nominated by Bethel selectman Dutch Dresser, and the award is for excellence in a special event, namely Angus, King of the Mountain. Events Program Coordinator Paula Wheeler; Chamber President Michele Varuolo; Executive Director Robin Zinchuk, and snowman

engineer Jim Sysko and his wife, Carrie, attended the ceremony to accept the award. WCSH anchorwoman, Cindy Williams and Maine's First Lady, Mary Herman, presented the award to the chamber.

Welcome to new members -- No Bull Construction, Norway, Dana Crocker, owner; Hanley & Associates, South Paris, Kirk Siegel, Esq., representative; Maine Balsam Fir Products, West Paris, Wendy and Jack Newmeyer, owners; and Maine Mountain Moose Tours, West Bethel, Tony Bennett. It's great to have this new energy.

Many thanks to member Bethel Station Chiropractic for hosting a Business After Hours on Tuesday. The food, catered by the Good Food Store, was delicious and the company was great. If you happened to miss it, please stop in to meet Dr. Mike Liberti.

Snowman souvenirs are still available in the chamber office. We have t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags, magnets, backpacks, mouse pads, postcards and more. We have made the decision to close on Sundays for the rest of the spring, until Memorial Day, so come to see us Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are very busy getting ready for all our summer events. This requires a lot of mailing and database entering. We are looking for willing volunteers who don't mind

helping with this kind of work. Please call the office and speak with Julia or Rosalie if you'd like to help, even for a couple of hours.

Many thanks to all those organizations/businesses who called us with your spring/summer/fall events. We are in the process of having this printed with some beautiful new art work that member Ken Irons designed.

From

REACH

REACH (Rape Education and Crisis Hotline) the sexual assault crisis and support services center serving Oxford County, Harrison and Bridgton, will sponsor its 17th annual SpeakOut and Survivor's Art Show this coming Sunday, April 18.

SpeakOut provides all survivors of sexual assault, whether recent or in the past, the opportunity to share their feelings about their abuse and/or their recovery process through the use of prose, poetry, music, dance and art work -- in a safe and nurturing environment. This is a public event attended by survivors and their loved ones as well as supportive professionals and community members.

The SpeakOut will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, in the Unitarian-Universalist Church, Main Street, Norway. The Survivor's Art Show

and a small reception will be across the street at the Matolsky Art Center immediately following SpeakOut.

If you have any questions, or you are considering actively participating in this program, please call the REACH office at 743-9777. If there is no one available to take your call, please leave a message and we will respond as soon as possible.

From the

U.M. Cooperative.

Extension

Traditional Goes Healthy. Do you want to learn how to alter your favorite recipes to make them healthier? "Traditional Goes Healthy" is a two-part program, offered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Oxford County, designed to help participants reduce fat, salt, sugar and calories and increase other valuable nutrients.

"Many people have recipe boxes stuffed with their old family favorites, but these traditional recipes are typically very high in fat, salt, sugar and calories," explains Wendy Legg Pollock, Extension educator and presenter of the workshop.

"With today's focus on nutrition,

people often want to alter the recipes they know and love rather than use new cookbooks full of unfamiliar foods. Traditional Goes Healthy is designed to help people make those healthier alterations."

The program will be held on Tuesday, May 11 and 18, at the Extension Office on Olson Road in South Paris from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The workshop is open to the public, free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Call the Extension Office at 743-6329 or 800-287-1482 to register by May 7.

From the

Bethel Republican

Town Committee

The Bethel Republican Town Committee will meet on Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Town Office on Main Street. All enrolled Republicans and interested friends are cordially invited to attend.

The meeting's agenda will include filling officer vacancies, making plans for the summer county-wide GOP picnic hosted by the Bethel committee, and other business that may come before the group.

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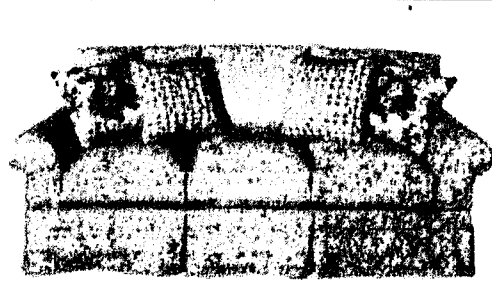
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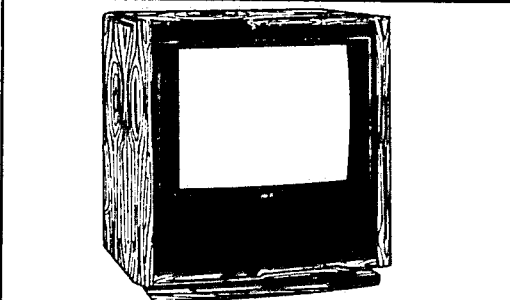
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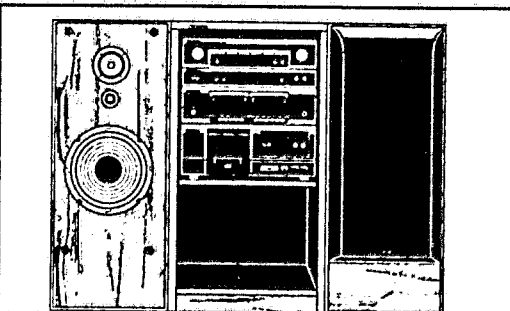
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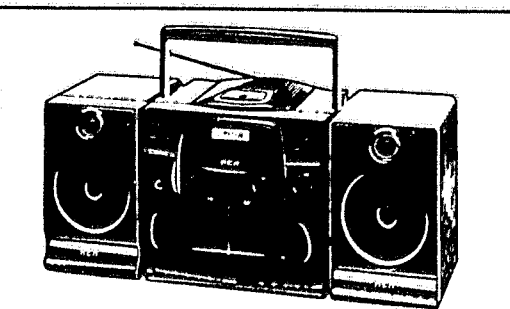
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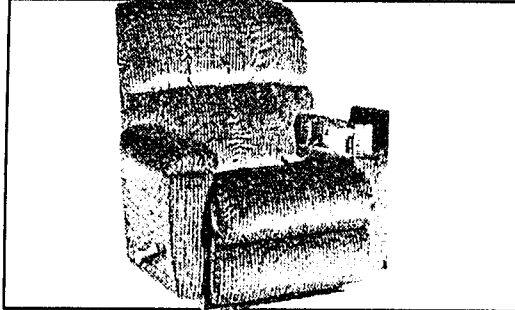
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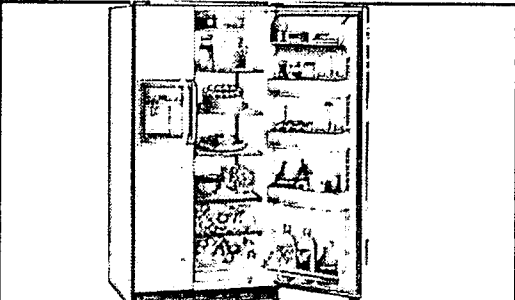
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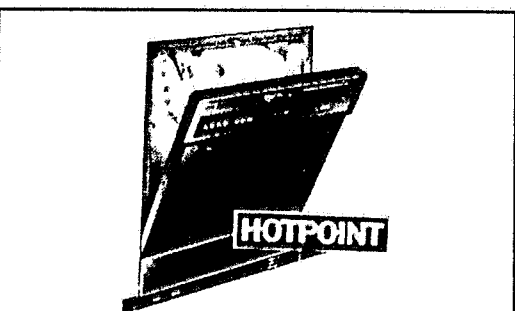
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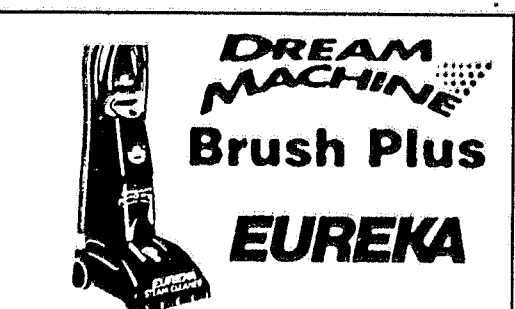
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Community Calendar

Activities

Public Computer Access: The Computer Lab at Adult Learning Center is open for public use, including Internet and e-mail, by adults during the hours that the center is staffed; Monday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 to 12 a.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is one computer for public use at the Telstar ITV site, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for computer use. All users must sign and abide by the SAD44 Acceptable Use Policy. Call 824-2780 for further information or to reserve a time.

April 13-May 25--Springtime Danskinetics with Kara Masters Siekman, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee. Wear comfy clothes to move in. Bring mat or towel and water bottle. Call Adult Ed to register (824-2780).

Art Display -- Paintings of Maine artist Robert Pollien will be on display at the Gould Academy Owen Art Gallery the month of April. Open to the public at no charge. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information or weekend hours, call 824-7700.

Thursday, April 15, 4:30 to 6 p.m.--Celebrating Fatherhood infant play time and dinner (up to age 5) at Gail Riley Center, South Paris, sponsored by Community Concepts Inc. Free and open to public. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg at 824-3459 or Sally Goddard at 743-1520 ext. 1222.

Friday, April 16, 7 p.m.--Rumford Coffee House will feature Terry Moore, musician and vocalist -- country, folk and oldies -- at United Methodist Church, 198 Linnell Street, Rumford. Admission: \$3. For more information, call 545-2413 or 364-2617.

Saturday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.--Oxford County Retired Teachers meeting at the Catholic Church, Fryeburg. Program: The Legends of Mollylockett, presented by Charles Johnson. Fundraiser will be a cookie walk.

Sunday, April 18, 1 p.m.--Finnish-American Heritage Society Potluck at Center on Maple St., West Paris; meeting to follow, everyone welcome. Finnish food; bring a dish of your choice if possible.

Tuesday, April 20, 11:30 a.m.--Christian Women United monthly meeting at Country Way Restaurant in South Paris. Speaker will be Ben Conant; music by Douglass Twitchell. Call Leora Whitney (743-7221) or Pearl Anderson (743-5724) to make reservation.

Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.--SCORE workshop, Cash Flow Projection, at SAD72 Continuing Education Center, Fryeburg. For information, call 743-0499.

Woodstock Extension meeting at Town Annex, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 7 to 11 p.m.--Teen Dance at Eagles Dance Hall, Rumford, sponsored by Eagles Auxiliary. Admission is two canned goods.

Potluck dinner, 6 p.m., at Pleasant Valley Grange, West Bethel, in celebration of National Grange Week. Public invited. Guests bring salad or dessert.

Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.--Celebrating Fatherhood short hike over flat terrain to a remote pond (age 5 and up). Meet at Crocker Pond Campground, sponsored by Community Concepts. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, bring extra clothing, water bottle, bug repellent, small pack and rain gear; snacks provided. Free and open to public. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-1520 ext. 1222).

Sunday, April 25, 7 to 9 p.m.--Bethel Area Poets Society will celebrate National Poetry Month with readings at Cafe DiCocoa, Main Street, Bethel. Everyone welcome -- bring favorite writings and plan on a good time. For more information, call 824-3427.

Monday, April 26, 7 p.m.--Meeting of Mollylockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, at S. Paris branch of Norway Savings Bank. Speaker: Scott Williams from Heritage Fund, with slide show about threat to aquatic habitat posed by non-native aquatic plants. New members welcome. (743-9808 or 583-4290 for more info.)

Monday-Tuesday, April 26-27, 6:30 p.m.--Auditions for "Rumors" at Deering Memorial Methodist Church, South Paris. For more information, call Kenn Sawyer at 743-8289, Richard McIntosh at 743-2756 or Elton Cole at 665-2135. Any individuals who can portray characters 25 years or older are encouraged to audition.

Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.--SCORE workshop, Financing A Small Business, at SAD72 Continuing Education Center, Fryeburg. For information, call 743-0499.

Saturday, May 1, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.--Telstar Alumni Association Dance at Locke Mills American Legion Hall, with music by The Impalas.

Spring Craft Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Paris Grange Hall. Home baked good, cookie walk, lunch on sale. Tables \$3. For more information, call 674-3872.

Friends of the Errol Public Library annual Craft Fair at Errol Town Hall, Main Street, Errol, N.H., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments available. Space available but must supply own tables. For more information call 603-482-7720 or 603-482-3841.

Sunday, May 2, 12:30 p.m.--First annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, with Silent Auction, all to benefit the Rape Education and Crisis Hotline (REACH) at Bethel Inn & Country Club. Tickets will be \$25 each and are on sale now. Tickets on sale at Bethel Inn and Ruthie's Specialties in Bethel and Mollylockett Marketplace Antique Center and The Enchanted Florist in West Paris. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Kimberly Poland at 743-9777.

Bethel Search and Rescue meeting, 2 p.m. at the Bethel Rescue Barn. New members needed -- training provided. For more information, call Arlene at 824-2744.

Monday, May 3, 10 a.m.--Mountain View Knitters meeting at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church, Route 5, Fryeburg. New members welcome. For information call Mrs. Snow (846-9381) or Mrs. Hopper (603-383-9702).

Tuesday, May 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.--"Focus on Fat" workshop at the Extension Office on Olson Road, South Paris. Open to the public, free of charge. Preregistration is required. Call the Extension Office at 743-6329 or 1-800-287-1482 to register by April 28.

Friday, May 7, 6 p.m. (social hour), 7 p.m. (dinner) 30th annual Bethel Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner at the Grand Ballroom of the Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. Cost is \$25 per person (tables of 8-10 available for groups). Call the chamber office (824-2282) for reservations by Friday, April 30.

Thursday, May 13, 4:30 to 6 p.m.--Celebrating Fatherhood infant (up to age 5) play time and dinner at Gail Riley Center, South Paris, sponsored by Community Concepts Inc. Free and open to public. Advance sign-up encouraged. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-1520 ext. 1222).

Saturday, May 15 Crafts, Flea tables, food sale by Daughters of Union Veterans, Bryant Pond. Call 665-2460 for information.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2420.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and church school. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service

Our Lady of the Snows--Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist--Rev. Geraldine MacNeil, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union--Rev. Joyce Scott, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church--at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month (fourth Sunday in September). 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--Services first and third Sundays each month, 9 a.m.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational--Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)-- Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-- Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday School, 9 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:15 with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)--Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church-- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

REACH

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Community Service Center--Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services--Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info. call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info. call 824-3232.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., Telstar High School.

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m. Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

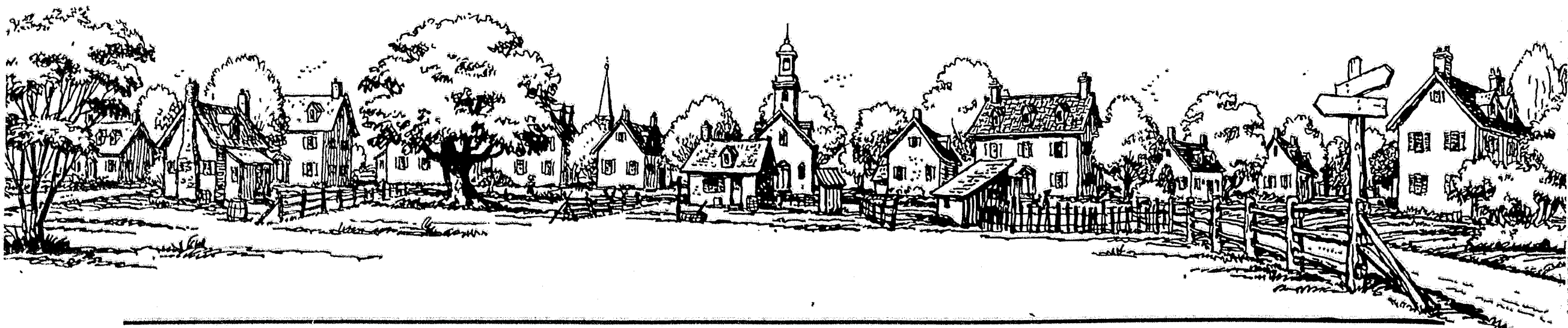
First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 15, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins							Scared Straight! 20 Years Later	
(32)	World's Greatest Magic III				Movie: "Raise the Titanic"				700 Club	
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Friends	Will-Grace	Frasier	Just Shoot	ER		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Videos	Videos	Drew Carey	Spin City	Drugs-Adults		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Mystery!			Ruth Rendell Mysteries		National Desk	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins					Baseball		Sportscenter	
(34)	Wallons		Life of Bill Monroe	Prime Time Country			Bull Riding		Dallas	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight		Respect and Responsibility			48 Hours		News	
(41)	Snow Zone		Boxing: Fight Night at the Great Western Forum				NBA Action	Celtics	Countdown	Fame
(15)	Movie: "Gattaca"				Movie: "Supreme Sanction"				Comedy	Real Sex 11
(17)	Secret of NIMH 2: Timmy		B Witchd		Movie: "Can of Worms"					Walt Disney Presents
(18)	Beavis and Butt-head		Movie: "Booty Call"			Movie: "The Confession"				Dreamstr
(20)	Major League Baseball: White Sox at Red Sox				Baseball	Front Row	Major League Baseball: Dodgers at Diamondbacks			
(44)	Party of Five		Chicago Hope		Movie: "Lying Eyes"				Attitudes	Golden
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Movie: "Messenger of Death"			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Brady	WonderYr	Jeffersons	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"Land of the Pharaohs"		Movie: "The Sand Pebbles"							Blood Alley
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Witness"					Undercover
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Unexplained		"The Dead of Jericho"		Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Smart Guy	Jamie Foxx	Harvey	For-Love	News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand-Enter		Sports	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 16, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Great Pets	Great Pets	Love Boat-Next		Mad	Mad	M*A*S*H	3's Co.
(32)	Return of the \$6 Million Man & the Bionic Woman				Bionic Showdown: \$6 Million Man-Bionic Woman				700 Club	
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Providence		Dateline		Homicide: Life		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sabrina	Boy-World	Two Guys	Brothers	20/20		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Great TV Auction						Great TV Auction	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Sportscenter of the Decade: 1900-1949			Sportslight		Baseball	Sprtsctry		Sportscenter
(34)	Bull Riding		Motor Madness		Rollerjam: Fla.		Rollerjam: NY		Motor Madness	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Kids Say	Candid C.		Unsolved Mysteries		Nash Bridges		News
(41)	Celtics	Game Night	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Boston Celtics				Celtics		Inside Winston Cup	
(15)	Movie: "Men in Black"				Movie: "L.A. Confidential"					Dennis M.
(17)	Movie: "That Darn Cat"				Movie: "Troop Beverly Hills"		Famous Jett Jackson		Moochie-Pop Warner	
(18)	When a Man		Movie: "The Object of My Affection"				Movie: "Alien Resurrection"			
(20)	Front Row	PGA Golf: MCI Classic -- Second Round					FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Oh Baby	Maggie	Chicago Hope		Movie: "The Preppie Murder"				Attitudes	Golden
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies				Movie: "Police Academy"			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Kablam!	Cartoons	Brady	WonderYr	Jeffersons	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"The Alamo" Cont'd		Movie: "Four for Texas"				WENN	Movie: "Dallas"		
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "The Hunted"				Movie: "Beyond the Law"	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		L.A. Detectives		Cracker		Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Movie: "Arachnophobia"				News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		World Today		Sports	Moneyline

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 17, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "The Crossing Guard"				New York Undercover		Viper	
(32)	Karate II	Movie: "The Karate Kid Part III"					Movie: "Any Which Way You Can"			
(6)	Edition	Seinfeld	NBA Show	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz			News		Sat. Night	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Big Moment		Movie: "Copycat"				News	Psi Factor
(10)	Great TV Auction Cont'd				Great TV Auction					
(22)	Sportsctr.	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks					Baseball		Sportscenter	
(34)	Week-Country	Opry	Grand Opry	Statler Bros.			Gaither Gospel Hour	Opry	Grand Opry	
(13)	ER	Early Edition		Martial Law			Sons of Thunder		News	
(41)	Major League Soccer: Crew at Revolution			Italian Soccer: Teams to Be Announced			Celtics		Patriots	
(15)	Movie: "The Rainmaker" Cont'd				Movie: "The Jack Bull"				Boxing	
(17)	Movie: "All Dogs Go to Heaven 2"			Movie: "You Lucky Dog"			So Weird	GrowPains	Moochie-Pop Warner	
(18)	Movie: "Selena" Cont'd			Movie: "Last Action Hero"					Movie: "High Voltage"	
(20)	NFL Europe Football: Berlin Thunder at Frankfurt Galaxy						FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Whose Daughter Is She?	Oh Baby	Maggie	Movie: "When Harry Met Sally"					"Presumed Innocent"	
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Mortal Kombat"						Movie: "Above the Rim"	
(24)	Skeeter	Skeeter	Rugrats	All That	Kenan-Kel	You Afraid?	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Desi	
(25)	3 Coins-Fount.		Movie: "The Prince and the Showgirl"						Movie: "Teen-Age Caveman"	
(26)	Movie: "Coming to America" Cont'd			Happy Hour					Movie: "Miami Models"	
(27)	Mysteries of the Bible		Biography This Week	Jane Eyre					City Confidential	
(12)	Malibu, CA	Ill. Luckiest	Movie: "Airplane!"				News		Coach	Blk Widow
(39)	Capital	Sports	World	Business	Larry King Weekend		World	Capital	Sports Tonight	

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 18, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Scared Straight! 20 Years Later				Wild Things		Viper	
(32)	"Superman" Cont'd		Movie: "Michael Jordan: An American Hero"				Movie: "Michael Jordan: An American Hero"			
(6)	NBA Basketball		Movie: "A Few Good Men"						News	Wild Things
(8)	Movie: "Fly Away Home"				20/20		Practice		News	Paid Prog.
(10)	Great TV Auction Cont'd						Great TV Auction			
(22)	Sportsctr.	Baseball	Major League Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Anaheim Angels						Sportscenter	
(34)	Outdoor	Bassmastr.	In-Fish	Bill Dance	Bull Riding		Fishing	Fishin'	Racers	
(13)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel				Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years		News	
(41)	AHL Hockey		Motorcycle Racing		Major League Soccer: Crew at Revolution				Celtics	Countdown
(15)	Movie: "U.S. Marshals" Cont'd						Movie: "Titanic"			
(17)	Mokomba	Muppets	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	Walt Disney Presents		Movie: "Johnny Tremain"			Mouserter
(18)	"The Saint" Cont'd		Movie: "Butter"				Movie: "The Last Seduction II"			
(20)	Boxing: Fight Time				Goin' Deep				FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News
(44)	Movie: "False Arrest" Cont'd								Intimate Portrait	Any Day Now
(5)	Movie: "Dirty Harry"						Movie: "Sudden Impact"			Sudden Imp
(24)	Kenan-Kel	All That	Animorphs	Big Help	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore
(25)	Night Pass	Screen	Movie: "Pocket Money"						Movie: "The Molly Maguires"	
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat		Pacific Blue		Silk Stalkings		Silk Stalkings		La Femme Nikita	
(27)	"Rio Bravo" Cont'd				Horatio Hornblower				Horatio Hornblower	
(12)	7th Heaven		NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls				News		Replay	Nightman
(39)	Sports	World	Perspectives		World	Pinnacle	Newsstand: Time		Sports	NBA Wk.

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 19, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Dilbert	Dilbert	Sentinel		Mad	Mad	M*A*S*H	3's Co.
(32)	Funny	Funny	Life Cam	Life Cam	Famous Families: The Jacksons				700 Club	
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Movie: "Grumpier Old Men"				Dateline		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	20/20		Movie: "Swing Vote"				News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Great TV Auction						Great TV Auction	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Figure Skating: World Champ. -- Pairs and Dance		Bloopers			Baseball Tonight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Wallons		Life of Jimmy Dean		Prime Time Country		Oak Ridge Boys		Dallas	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Cosby	King	Raymond	Becker	L.A. Doctors		News	
(41)	Celtics	Game Night	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics				Celtics		Inside Winston Cup	
(15)	Waco: The Rules		Movie: "Grease"				Black Tar Heroin-Dark End of		Murder	
(17)	So Weird	Movie: "Three Men and a Baby"		Movie: "Just Like Dad"					Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"Spice World" Cont'd		Movie: "Top of the World"			Movie: "Incognito"			Mistress	
(20)	Front Row		Soccer: English Premier League -- Teams TBA				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Party of Five		Chicago Hope		Movie: "The Ultimate Lie"				Attitudes	Golden
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics				Inside NBA		Movie: "Dirty Dancing"	
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold! Catdog	Brady	WonderYr	Jeffersons	Laverne		I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	Madwoman		Movie: "My Fair Lady"						Movie: "Critic's Choice"	
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess		Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone		New York Undercover	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Poirot		Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	7th Heaven		Rescue 77		News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand: Time		Sports	Moneyline

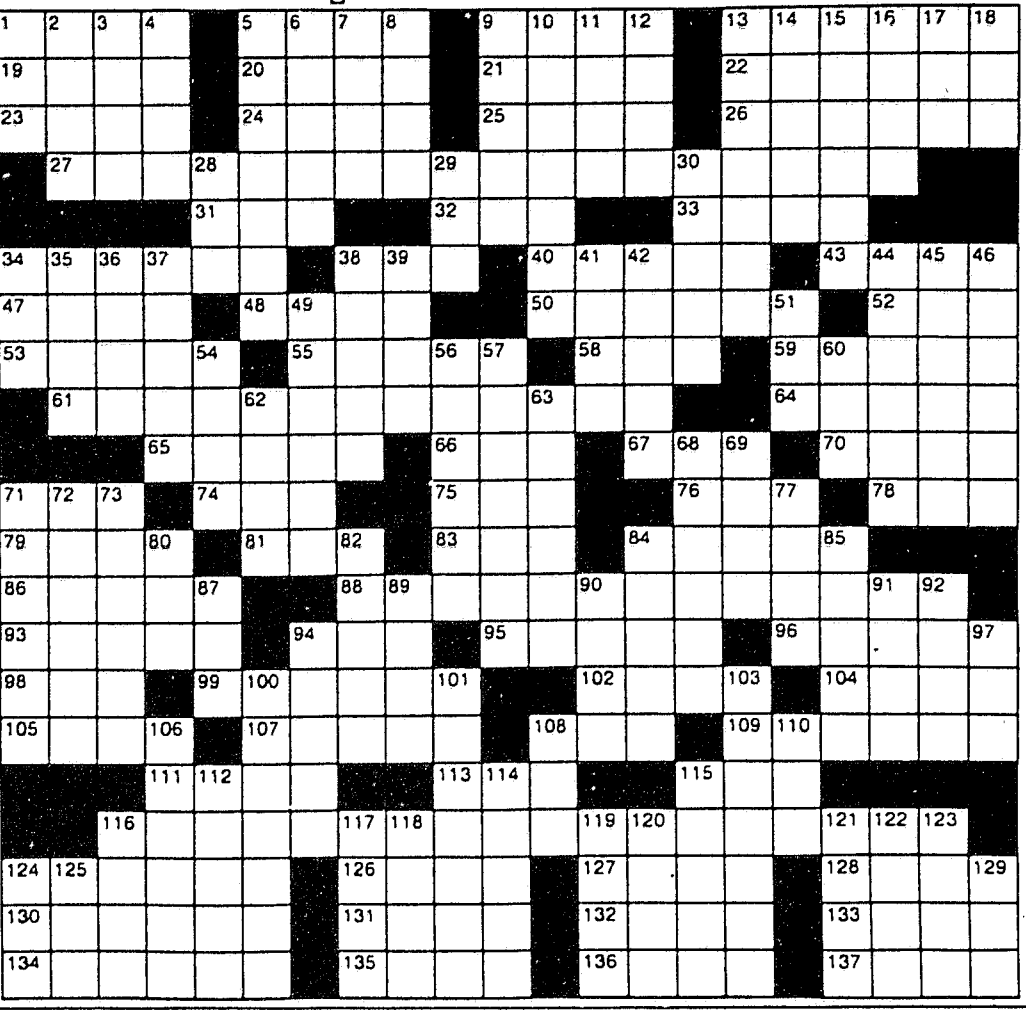
TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 20, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Clueless	Malcolm	Clueless	Mad	Mad	M*A*S*H	3's Co.
(32)	Funny	Funny	Life Cam	Life Cam	Famous Families: The Presleys				700 Club	
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Just Shoot	Newsradio	Just Shoot	Relative	Dateline		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Home Imp.	Hughleys	Spin City	Sports NI	NYPD Blue		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Great TV Auction						Great TV Auction	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Outside the Lines	Up Close	Aerobics Ch.			Baseball Tonight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Wallons		Life-Tex Ritter		Prime Time Country		George Jones		Dallas	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		Movie: "The Rockford Files: If It Bleeds... It Leads"				News	
(41)	Adventure Quest		Climb	Surfer			Boxing: Rahman vs. Weathers		Inside Winston Cup	
(15)	"Wayne's World 2"		Movie: "The Jack Bull"				Real Sports		"Supreme Sanction"	
(17)	Movie: "Anne of Green Gables"		Movie: "Anne of Green Gables"				GrowPains		Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"Commandments" Cont'd		Movie: "Home Alone 3"				Movie: "Shelter"		Petticoat	
(20)	Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers						FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Party of Five		Chicago Hope		Any Day Now		Childcare in America		Attitudes	Golden
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Movie: "Dirty Dancing"				Major League Baseball: Braves at Dodgers			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Brady	WonderYr	Jeffersons	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	I Was a Male War Bride		Movie: "The Return of the Pink Panther"				Movie: "Frank Capra's American Dream"			
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "The Godfather, Part III"				New York Undercover	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Horatio Hornblower				Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Buffy the Vampire Slayer		Felicity		News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Newsstand-Pe.		Larry King Live		World Today		Sports	Moneyline

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 21, 1999

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	7 Days		Star Trek: Voyager		Mad	Mad	M*A*S*H	3's Co.
(32)	Funny	Funny	Life Cam	Life Cam	Famous Families		Famous Families		700 Club	
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Dateline		Most Amazing Videos		Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dharma	Its Like	Drew Carey	Norm	20/20	News		
10	Newshour-Lehrer		Great TV Auction					Great TV Auction		
(22)	Sportsctr.	Major League Baseball: Teams to Be Announced						Major League Baseball: Teams TBA		
(34)	Wallons	Century of Country		Prime Time Country		Crook & Chase Tonight		Dallas		
13	Friends	Pine-Camp	Raymond	Payne	60 Minutes II		Chicago Hope		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics				Celtics		Motorcycle Racing		Motorcycle Racing	
(15)	"Overnight Delivery"		Movie: "Gattaca"			Oz		Movie: "City of Angels"		
(17)	Movie: "Parent Trap II"		Movie: "Magic Island"			B Witchd-Five		Wacky Zoo		
(18)	"Last Action Hero"		Movie: "The Lost Boys"			Movie: "High Voltage"		Erotic		
(20)	Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers					FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		
(44)	Party of Five		Chicago Hope		"Dangerous Evidence: The Lori Jackson Story"			Attitudes		Go'den
(5)	Roseanne	Roseanne	National Geographic Explorer			NBA Basketball: Lakers at Trail Blazers				
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Strange	Brady	WonderYr	Jeffersons	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"The Naked Jungle"		Movie: "McQ"				Movie: "Blood and Sand"			
(26)	Xena: Warrior Princess		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "The Godfather, Part III"				New York Undercover	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Kenny Rogers Live by Request				Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Dawson's Creek		Charmed		News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand: Fortune		Sports	Moneyline

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1 Nab a gnat
5 Wilander of tennis
9 Relief initials?
13 Biblical prophet
19 Honolulu's locale
20 Breakall or Adams
21 Storm
22 Settle a score
23 Jogger's gait
24 Litter's littlest
25 "Thanks"
26 List
27 Start of a remark by Tom Griffin
31 Director's cry
32 OT book
33 Fill the hold
34 It's controlled by a mouse
38 Craze
40 Hitching post?
43 Guns the engine
47 ___ were (so to speak)
48 Crocheter's need
50 Gadget

52 Milne creature
53 Yucatan yummys
55 Terrier
58 Stringed instrument
59 Lose control
61 Part 2 of remark
64 Ruin's mate
65 Sierra ___
66 Benz
67 ___ bran
70 Patella's place
71 ___-jogg
74 Looney Tunes critter
75 Drivers' lics., e.g.
76 Volcano
78 Adherent: suffix
79 Lync poems
81 Sound like a Shorthorn
83 Maui memento
84 Daily-dozen exercise
86 Diaphanous
88 Part 3 of remark
93 Snicker sound
94 TV's ___ My Children
95 Salt away

96 He keeps lions in line
98 Distinctive period
99 Soap opera, e.g.
102 Dollars for
104 Perform at the Met
105 Obscene
107 Stadium
108 Tenor
109 Frittata, e.g.
111 ___ facto
113 No. cruncher
115 Mexican Mrs.
116 End of remark
124 Danish port
126 Stentonian
127 Hot spot?
128 Rara ___
130 Manu of "Evening Shade"
131 Shake ___ (hurry)
132 Tidy
133 Megalo-maniacal captain
134 Contemporary
135 Actor Calhoun
136 Nevada city
137 Baggage checker?

DOWN

1 Tippler
2 Genial
3 Sailor's shout
4 "Swan Lake" skirt
5 Hermes, to Horace
6 Man or stallion
7 Pitchfork part
8 Clockmaker Thomas
9 Swap
10 Lancelot's son
11 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
12 Greek cheese
13 Whittier's "Friedie"
14 Shun
15 Flatt or Pearson
16 Industrious insects
17 Mellow
18 "Mal de ___"
28 Sgt. or cpl.
29 Link letters?
30 Propeller part
34 See 121 Down
35 Poet Elmer
36 Puerto ___

37 "Cheers" chair
38 Brother, in Brest
39 MD's area
41 Boor
42 "Godzilla" site
44 Verdi opera
45 Baritone and bass
46 Chandelier feature
49 Amos ___
51 Municipal org.
54 Manuscript imperative
56 '62 Tommy Roe hit
57 Prevents problem
60 First zoo?
62 Colt
63 Stand one's ground
68 Un-
69 Josip Broz
71 Teyve portrayer
72 Stick
73 Donkey's declaration
77 AKC reject
80 "I told you so!"
82 Poet Elmer
84 "Odyssey" enticer
85 Part of a process
87 Legal matter
89 Verve
90 Israeli dance
91 Actor Jannings
92 Magritte or Clair
94 Turn signal
97 Mil. group
100 Oriental
101 Varnish
103 Lake Ontario city
106 Singer Warwick
108 ___ alai
110 Delancey
112 Puzzling problem
114 Squat
115 Frowl
116 Ward (off)
117 Fruit-tree spray
118 Aria, e.g.
119 Actor Franchot
120 Daredevil
121 With 34 Down, tail-less feline
122 Maintain
123 Green bean unit
125 "volente"
129 Tolu base

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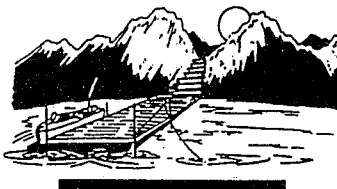
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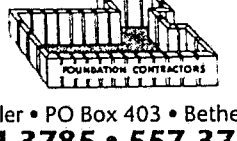
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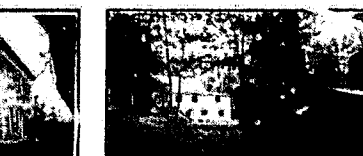
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SOUTH RIDGE 2 bedroom townhouse B-2 at Sunday River, sleeps six. Fully furnished, fireplace, dishwasher, mountain views, quiet location on Ridge Run Trail. No basement, so 100% clear title. Reduced to \$109,500. Call owner at 207-829-6384.

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Obituaries

MARY B. BENNETT

Mary B. Bennett of Portland, died Saturday, April 10, 1999, in a Portland Hospital.

She was born in Bethel, the daughter of Gard and Elizabeth Verrill Bennett. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1955 and attended business college in Portland.

Ms. Bennett had worked for Blake, Hall & Sprague Insurance Company for many years.

She was a past worthy matron of Corner Stone Order of Eastern Star, 1978-79 and served as Grand Es-ther of the Grand Chapter of the

Order of Eastern Star in 1980. She was president of the National Association of Insurance Women of Greater Portland. She was presently serving as secretary of the Kumdubbles and Singles Club of North Deering Congregational Church.

Survivors include several cousins.

Visiting hours will be held Thursday, April 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. where a memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. from the Jones, Rich & Hutchins Funeral Home, 199 Woodford Street. Burial will be held at a later date in Bethel.



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Mr. & Mrs. Cory Campbell

Nina Viktoria Ottestig and Cory Joseph Campbell exchanged wedding vows at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, 1999, in Lexington, Mass.

The bride is the daughter of David and Monica Ottestig of Lulea, Sweden. Parents of the bridegroom are Joseph Campbell of Bethel and Carol Campbell of Bryant Pond.

The couple are living in Waltham, Mass.

In Memory

From 4-16-1906 to 12-23-1993

in memory of my father
George A. Crockett.

Gone but never forgotten.

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In Memory

of Curt A. Martin

12/20/42 to 4/16/98

When God reached down and took your hand to take you home that day... the angels puckered up their lips to blow our tears away.

And when your name is mentioned by friends or family... it's another tale... another joke... another memory.

Lovingly missed by Mom, Vicki, Rex, Roland, Martha, Joe, Sandra and Dick.

In Loving Memory

of Curt Alan Martin

12/20/42 to 4/16/98

Brother & Uncle

You are not gone; you're here with me in every flower that I see... I hear your voice when wild birds sing You're the butterfly upon the wing And when the day turns into night You are the stars that give me light. You are the wind that now blows free... You are not gone; you're here with me.

Sandra and Dick
Alan Curt Dunham

TRAUMA AND RECOVERY

On Sunday April 25, Karin Spitfire will discuss her recent trip to South Africa, where she went with a delegation of trauma specialists to visit the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and several groups working with the trauma recovery as part of the aftermath of apartheid.

The dialogue will include consideration of what is needed for reconciliation and recovery from trauma, from oppression and governmental and community responsibility toward these goals.

Spitfire has been actively addressing the issues of trauma and recovery in Maine since 1980. She created and performed a dance/narration called "Incest: It's Relative" in 1982. Since 1986 she has been providing workshops, trainings and individual counseling for trauma survivors utilizing dance, body work and body-psychotherapy. She has a private practice in Belfast.

Spitfire is sponsored by the Mahoosuc Mountains Friends Worship Group, at 11 a.m. at 558 East Bethel Road. There is no charge for the event. For further information, please contact Marie Hickey at 875-2257.

Many Thanks

Thanks to the *PASSERBY* who spotted the smoke, the help from family, fire departments and rescue to get the fire out!

Thanks for all the support and kind thoughts from family and friends.

Thanks for all the help cleaning, it is appreciated more than you will know.

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Births

Philip J. Lynch and Sarah B. Hart of Lisbon Falls are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Zachary Taylor Lynch, born on April 4, 1999 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Bradley and Kellie Record of South Paris and Osmond and Joy Hart of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Philip F. and Caroline Lynch of Biddeford.

Camella Baxter and Daniel I. Thompson Sr. of Waterford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Daniel Irving Thompson Jr., born on April 7, 1999 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are the late Thomas and Alice Cuomo and the late Norma Baxter.

Paternal grandparents are Irving William Thompson Jr. and Brenda Thompson and the late Lynn Anne Revoir.



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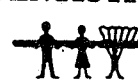
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With both an MS in nursing and full midwifery certification, Cathy has long viewed her chosen work as a calling—not a career. And after attending more than 450 deliveries, this mother of four still applies her talents with the same care, skill and dedication she's brought to her patients for more than 17 years.

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